Howland Wood - personal

Ramsden, Henry Alexander

[Jun Kobayagawa Co. Stamp + Coin

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1911

Pay to Ramsden as follows

Invoice Thos L Elder	2,86
" John Robinson May 9	2,68
" St Louis Stamp & Coin Co 6/3/11	5,12
" H Wood May 15	3 00
H Wood June 5	1,50
" F. J. Keiffer Dec 27 606 @125 1176 @ 225 less 10% = 18¢	3,15
" N Vreeland Jan 31 balance 619K @2 620K @150 less 10%	3,15
" F J Keiffer Mar 9 350 less 10%	3,15
" N. Vreeland Dec 27 1166 @150 less 10%	1.35
" H Wood invoice April 10 1911 659 @ 275 660 @ 250 662 275 less 10% 663 @ 300 664 @ 400 665 @ 350	16,65
" Wayte Raymond Apr 18 573K @150 561K @175 1240 K@300 549K @275 less 5%	8,55
	51,16

Credit Advt in N. for Apr May June

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		47.81

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John Robinson Esq.
18 Summer St. Salem. Mass. U.S.a
Sent 3 Jany 1911

# 1227	Uninscribed spade, hollow handle, largest size, first-issue. (Lacoup. p. 2. Perfect specimen	$ 14.00

Sent by Parcels Post.

Remittance or return can be conducted through Mr. H. Wood. if so desired

J.K.C°

For your kind approval.

J R paid me 14th Feb 10

We can give no further discount from above.
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H. A. RAMSDEN.
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Yokohama, 4th Jan. 11 19

Howland Wood Esq.,
95 Perry Street,
Brookline. Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Without any of yours to refer to, we beg to enclose:-

1. Letter to the Business Manager of the "Numismatist" regarding our advertisements for 1911,
2. also copy of letter to Farran Zerbe Esq., with extract of our account for last year, and
3. Duplicate Invoice of shipment to John Robinson Esq.

all of which explain themselves.

Thanks in anticipation for attending to these where needful, and please excuse trouble in connection therewith.

Due to pressure of work on account of the new year, our Mr. Ramsden has been unable to write to you a personal letter which he has intended sending you for some time past. He hopes within a few days to have this pleasure.

We will send you the last two issues of the Yokohama Ko Sen Kai uchigata books, which are now ready, with some Hansatsu which we have prepared for as addition to the ones you already have.

We hope also to send you a small selection of ancient Chinese bell currency, as soon as we can get them off, both for your selection and for that of Mr. Robinson.

Without anything further for to-day, we remain,
yours obediently,
Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
per,

Taken by A. Robinson, Jan. 6. 1911

"Primitive Treasure" as per bill	$ 8.00
Dragon bridge money	7.50
Weight money	5.50
Due on previous acct.	.75
	$ 21.75

Paid by check

Returned:

Chinese Charms	$ 2.85
Ordinary bridge money	2.20

Yokohama, 13th January, 1911

My dear Wood:–

As I have not heard from you lately, I have none of yours to refer to.

In our business letter I told you that I was giving some further information regarding the Kwan Ei Jeda sen which we sent you a short while back. This piece was made at a regular mint (I think you can guess which) out of Tane sen, for temple purposes. In all Buddhistic shrines there are two vases surmounted by an ornament which I believe is suppose to represent a lambent flame - I have noticed it, although differing somewhat in each country, in India, China & Japan: and for this purpose was this "miya" sen made & used. The brother to the one I sent you remains in my own collection, but, like yours, several of the coins have been broken off. The mint, date of issue & other particulars you can no doubt find out for yourself without my help.

The packet which you mention in one of your precious letters as containing "Capt Eatons" classified Chinese ancient coins, has not yet arrived, and, as mentioned in one of my recent letters, I have made enquiries at the Post Office here, without any Success. The "trophies" and mementos from the famous Chinese dinner held during Convention of the A. N. A at New York, which you mention as forwarding, have not yet arrived. I wonder if they were included in the package above reffered which contained your ancient Chinese coins in question.

I read that I had been honoured by being made an Honorary member to the N. Y. Numismatic Club, from Mehls, if if my memory does not fail me, but so far I have heard nothing from anyone, not even Higgins himself.

The November number of the "Numismatist" duly arrived, together with the six extra copies, as it contained the second instalment of my "Modern Chinese Copper Coins". I must thank you for seeing it through the press and, with the exception of a small oversight on page 241, in the par: commencing " It may not be out of place" etc, it was certainly done in a most painstaking manner by you.

The Yokohama Ko Sen Kai Books will be sent to you together with a few hansatsu which we have picked up to add to your collection. In the same cover we are sending some further hansatsu, as well as the corresponding Yok. Ko Sen Kai books, for friend Reilly, to utilize the same boards for both. I hope you do not mind our doing this?

You will notice in one of the uchigata books that a large Turkestan coin appears under your name. As I had sent off your piece before taking the required number of uchigatas, I was forced to make use of the specimen in my own collection, to serve the purpose, & I tell you this as you might notice a slight difference when comparing the uchigata with your actual coin. You will notice that I have had made a smaller "han" or seal, similar to the previous one we sent you before, to serve the purpose for these uchigatas.

In the event of your wishing to have inserted in this book any coin, Japanese, Chinese or "Foreign," which you have in your collection over there, please make out the uchigatas, to the number of 65, since each edition is so far limited to this number, and send them on to us, to be inserted here. The size of the paper (uchigata) you will be able to see by referring to any of the old books. We shall be pleased if you care to send us from over there uchigatas of any coins you wish inserted in the Yokohama Ko Sen Kai Book.

A few nights ago I wrote a very long letter to Reilly, brimful of numismatic talk. I hope he does not loose interest and perhaps you yourself can do more than any one else to keep this interest alive.

I have also written various times to Robinson and have told him that he could do no better than consult with you on many of the questions I have raised. I am sending him, by instalments," a short account of the ancient Chinese Coinage which you might also find of interest. I have told him to consult with you and if you could read my letters to him, you will be in a better position to help both of us.

By next mail we intend sending you the collection of Japanese Medalets, Insignias and Badges which we have been some two months in preparing and cataloguing. The collection is a most important one and contains some rare and unique specimens. We are also sending you two or three other War medals (Govt. official) - but this is more a matter for our business letter than in this private epistle to you.

The A. J. of Numismatics for Oct, has just arrived. It contains my article on the smaller series of Tseh Moh Knife coins, which is beautifully well printed, without a single mistake, due, as usual, to your kind care and attention, for which I again thank you.

There appears also in this number your most interesting article on the three Commemorative medals issued by the Osaka Mint. You have really excelled in this and I must compliment you on its success. No one but a born Japanese could have written the Japanese characters, given the correct pronounciation for them, althought it was rather funny to see the romaji of "hichi" spelt with an "h" at the beggining.

Many thanks, also, for the review on my "Corean Coin Charms" &c. You are too good and too kind to me and I certainly do not merit your extreme courtesy and attention. I am afraid that it is beyond my limit to treat on the "mythology and symbolism of the intricacies of Far Eastern folk-lore." This can only be attempted by a chinese student, acquainted with its literature, and as I do not know more than 5 or 6 characters, I am certainly incompetent to undertake such an impossible task. I am but a numismatist, and a poor one at that.

I have not forgotten your wish re: information about the Japanese Society for the suppression of white slave traffic, and as soon as acquired, it shall be communicated to you. I am also trying to procure for you some of their badges, etc, but as the Japanese celebrate the New Year more thoroughly than we do, nothing can be got out of them during this festive season.

I am now at work on two or three small monographs and various short articles on Far Eastern Numismatics, so that I am quite busy at nights. A short work on "Siamese porcelain, other tokens" is now engaging most of my attention and as there are some 20 full page coloured plates, my hands are quite full. "Chinese mints in Manchu characters" "Meiji period coins issued by the Mint at Osaka" and a few other matters are being prepared for short articles - but unfortunately my spare time is limited.

I have received an invitation to join the American Geographical Society, but as the annual subscription is $10.00, I have decided to investigate the matter before deciding anything. I am afraid I can not afford such a comparative large sum in a pursuit which does not interest me greatly. Do you belong to it? and can you tell me anything about it?

I can remember of nothing further to add to this letter.

Yours sincerely

H. A. Ramsden

P.S. I have not yet received the 6 extra copies of the A. J. of Numismatics for Oct, which contained my article on Tsih Mo Coins - but I suppose it will follow; if they have sent it. — Vale

Received from
John Robinson
18 00 for J. R Co
in Invoice of
Jan 17.

No. **3426**

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Postmark.

JAN
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Boston, Mass. 351530

The ADVICE sent to Exchange Office at ____________

Stamp of Issuing Office.	Country of Payment.	Amount in U. S. Money.	
		Dollars.	Cents.
	____________ (Write above "Greece," "or "Italy," etc.)	$ ______	______
		IN FOREIGN MONEY.	
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(Country / *Pays*) ____________

For the sum of / *Pour la somme de*

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____________ *Postmaster.*

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☞ DETACH HERE. THIS RECEIPT IS FOR THE REMITTER, WHO IS TO KEEP IT.

Jan.[illegible],1911.

The [illegible] Co.,

[illegible] Japan.

Gentlemen:-

I am herewith sending you a money order for $62.50 to pay for the following invoices.

To Howland Wood Dec.27 1910	$8.65	
John Robinson Nov.25.	8.00	
H.Vreeland July 20. 2 coins taken [illegible] by H.V. to you. Total should be $12.[illegible] instead of $13.[illegible]	5.75	
H.Vreeland Nov.1[illegible] [illegible] Coin taken [illegible] by H.V. to you	.50	
St.Louis [illegible] C.Co. invoice $10.16 less 10% See separate memo for numbers sold.	9.15	
[illegible] Higgins Aug.11 [illegible] on account	15.00	
Numbers sold on this invoice,17.15 less 10% 1.70 See memo for numbers sold.	15.45	$62.50

I have just heard from Frank T.Kieffer in re invoice of Dec.7 and he is sending me the following pieces,1174,1175,1176,1186-7-8 and 1201-2-3-4-5. Evidently he has kept the rest and is remitting to you for them.

Also I have heard from H.Vreeland in re invoice of Dec.27 he has returned to me the following 1163,1164,1164 1165 1166, the other two numbers he has kept.

As yet I have not heard from Mitchell or John Robinson on Jan. 3 invoice. Will report on what I have been able to dispose on these four invoices later.

I do not know if I have wholly answered your [illegible] of Dec.7. Higgins I have seen several times of late [illegible] out of him, as he seems to be rather hard up at present, I rather imagine that he is putting all his spare money in a [illegible]

[illegible] until I get the balance of his invoice.

The January Numismatist is out and your paper on the Manila Expo. was in that. The Tokio Museum coin theft will be in the Feb. number together with the two big coin thefts in Milan and Munich.

Your circular letter and other literature is to the point and I think that you should get some business from this. I will see that you get some write up in next months Miscellany, I thought that you were going to get something in this number. I am reprinting your note on the paper money with a cut of bills taken from one of those cut sheets you sent me. Although your name will not appear in this article it should help you indirectly.

I have sent my book of paper money to a prominent paper money collector here Mr. Geo. F. Blake for him to look over and perhaps get interested in. He is going to show it at the next meeting of the [illegible].

I take it that you have not yet received that package containing [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] and counterfeit pieces. I sent this parcel post but cannot find any receipt in my files concerning it so probably did not register it. I do not know the exact date that I sent it but I think about two weeks after my letter telling you [illegible] it. I very much doubt if I can trace it from this end as no records are kept of unregistered packages.

I have received a letter from Eugene Maurice London in re reprints of the Modern Chinese coins, he has ordered twenty copies, I [illegible] prior to your stating I would take up the matter further with him when I got a reader along. I expect this article will be [illegible] [illegible] month.

Your favors of Dec. 25th and some letters coins and [illegible] [illegible] this letter. I will get at in a few days as I want to go over it carefully and try to understand your distinctions in those A-musa sen.

The Turkestan coins were very acceptable especially that one Ching the large one and the one in Turai,this latter is different than the others you have sent me. I want to thank you for that medal you sent,I like it very much and have already put it over my medal cabinet.

Dont forget that you are going to get together for me a collection of those modern struck copper coins of China.and also those two Kiao Chou pieces issued by the Germans.

In that collection of medalets tokens and badges you are getting together I will do my best in disposing of them for you but I will have hard work in selling the collection entire unless the bulk of them are war and naval badges or pertaining to the subject.Although Mr.Hills bought the whole of the collection sent previously he left it with me to sell all not connected with war hospitals etc.

Your favor of Jan 4th at hand.I am now checking up the advt.accounts with Morse.I note that you have deducted 1/3 on another contract amounting to 2.90 this is something that Morse did not report to me and I will have to take it up with him.I saw Fisher last night and went over his books,he has received your letter and I will look after the advts. and will pay him.

Other matters will be taken up in a personal letter that I hope to get off in this enclosure.

Very truly.

JUN KOBAYAGAWA CO.,
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P. O. BOX 214 YOKOHAMA JAPAN.

[illegible] [illegible] Co
[illegible] Perry Street Brookline, Mass,
Sent 31 January - 1911

16	[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] collection, [illegible] numbered, Catalogued [illegible] [illegible] @ 15¢	2	[illegible]	
12	Yokohama [illegible] [illegible] Uchi-gata cards, #14 6, two of each @ 15 cents Nos. 14 [illegible] [illegible] out on these	[illegible]	[illegible]	
5	Bingo Ko [illegible] Kai Cards	[illegible]		
1 -	[illegible] Japanese Decoration (cost price here)	[illegible]		
			¥ [illegible]	[illegible]
	Less Commission & Postage (1% [illegible] [illegible])			[illegible]
			¥ 4.	64

Enclosed for [illegible] [illegible]:

2 -	Uchigata [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]	—	—
15	[illegible], mounted	—	—

We can give no further discount from above.
Any lots not approved of may be returned, provided they are sent back by next mail.

N Vroelund Jan 21 has returned the 6195 & 6204 which I will buy & dispose of

In answer of Dec 21 Mr Vroelund he has sent me
1162 1163 1164 1165 1166
the prices he has kept a copy of them he has written me he has kept [illegible] [illegible]

Frank J Keiffer has sent me the following
606 607 608 1174 1175 1176
601 602 603 604 605

JUN KOBAYAGAWA CO.,
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Nehemiah Vreeland Esq.
22 Prince Street, Paterson, N.J. U.S.A.

17 13 Jan-11 Sent 31 Jan. 1911

Japanese Primitive Treasure

618 K - [illegible] - Large Size	$ 3.–	
× 619 K -id- Small Robinson	2.–	
× 620 K -id- -id-	1.50	[illegible]
621 K - Magatama	1.25	
622 K - Kiri Kodama	2.25	
		$ 10.00

×: returned to work

Sent by Parcel Post
Approval Selection.

Please return through the hand of [illegible]
Mas, those not required.

Mag'h Ramada 3.50 [illegible]
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.10 3.50
2.35
7.15
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Howland Wood Esq.,
93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of Dec. 23th, and thank you for remittance of $ 13.47, in settlement of the various items mentioned.

We note that the bell piece sent to Mr. Higgins reached you in a broken state. These are very brittle and we are always very careful as regards packing. They often get broken, unless packed very carefully.

But Mr. Ramsden has already written to you, which letter we are enclosing herwith. In this letter you will note that we have not yet received the package containing the counterfeit coins, Convention souvenirs and the balance of coins from Invoices John Robinson May 31 and April 26, which you mention were sent with this lot. We can not understand what has happened to this parcel, as very rarely we hear of parcels going astray in transit.

We take note that you require the coin No. 325 in our General List, Sen Si Chaku coin, etc, at 75 cents. This is a purely modern production and we did not think it would have interested you, in consequence, but we will send you a specimen when we are again sending you something in the coin line. We have two or three Kwan Ei for you, and they will go early next month.

We are sending you a few things as per enclosed Invoice. We thought that th book on Japanese decorations might interest you and you would wish to keep it as the price is so cheap.

We have taken the liberty to enclose in this same packet two items for Mr. Reilly, with the request that they be handed over to him when opportunity arises. We have done this in order to make the same outside covering boards do for both cases. Thanks for this favour.

We have sent by this same post to Mr. Vreeland a few magatamas and kudatamas and have told him to send on to you the ones he does not wish to retain. We enclose Invoice so that you may know the price in case you find customers for the remaining ones.

We note that in this letter you tell us that it would be more convenient if we wrote to Mr. Hills direct about the collection of medalets which we are now preparing. In your letter to our Mr. Ramsden of the 6th of this month you mention that you might be able to take charge of this collection if we sent it on to you. We might prefer this latter course, not only as we have never so far had any communication with Mr. Hill, but also you might find some other purchaser in case this gentleman did not require it.

This collection will go by next mail. We have taken quite a long time to prepare it, due to the trouble in Cataloguing it. As far as we can see, there are perhaps only some 7 or 8 which are duplicates of the first collection, so that this collection, some 200 different pieces, can be considered as an addition to the former one. This lot is far superior to the first one, there are many silver specimens and not a few commemorative of both the Japanese Wars, China and Russia. When we send it along, which we hope will be next mail, we will give you more particulars about it.

Our Mr. Ramsden has already written to you about the 2 volumes of Lockhart's "Currency of the farther East," so we have nothing further to say concerning this requirement of yours.

With repeated thanks,

Yours obediently,

Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
per,

P. S. Our Mr. Ramsden wrote about the end of October or beginning of November to General Secretary Duffield about the election of a member, Mr. E.S.Martin, but he has so far received no answer. Can you tell us if it is necessary on such occasions to enclose for return postage ?.

Yokohama, 31 January, 1911

My dear Wood:-

Although I have had an extremely long day down town, as a mail leaves tomorrow for San Francisco, I think I will make an effort to answer your personal letters of Dec: 25th and Jan 6th.

I am beginning to be afraid that the packet you mention as sent, having the counterfeit coins, convention souvenirs, etc may have got lost, as it has not yet arrived here. I have made enquiries at the Post Office here, but they can do little until I can give them more details as to date despatched from over there, contents, size, weight, etc - I am therefore awaiting for you to give me these particulars to try and follow up the case from this end. They tell me here that it is easier to trace it from that end than from this and no doubt you will be able to do something over there in the matter. It is most extraordinary, as this is the first time I have heard of a parcel going astray in this manner.

I am afraid that to give you further details about my last trip to China, would be too tiresome. Whenever I can have a talk with you which I hope will be in the near future, then you will not complain of my not giving you details etc. I agree with you, anyhow, that if you are not accustomed to roughing it, the trip would have done you up. Even in my case, I was laid up on two occasions and it was only my perseverance and zeal which prevented my giving up the trip - my health suffered in consequence.

As regards writing up some numismatic notes of my trip, I am sorry that my time is so taken up that I would have no leisure to do as you intimate, although it would afford me great pleasure to do so. I am now in the period of gathering information and in later years, if I am spared, and can not travel with such frequency as now, then I think the time will come when I can write more, with greater experience – I am still in the "learning" stage and I do not know if I will ever get out of it.

I shall be glad to receive your notes on the coins of the present dynasty of China – My idea in preparing a short paper on the Chinese mints written in Manchu, was in order to serve as a means of easy reference and guide, specially to the beginner. Your notes, I feel certain, will be of great use and I hope to profit and learn a great deal from them. At some later period, we might take up the matter between both of us, extending it to include arrangements by mints, rulers etc, but this will require more knowledge and preparation than I now poſseſs.

Please dont ask me about the dates of the ancient coins of China! If I have given them a date, for commercial purposes, it has been a case of "fools rush in where angels fear to tread" – This matter is so intricate and complicated, so many learned authorities seem to disagree, so many conjectures and opinions may be advanced, that "scientifically" I prefer to leave the matter until I have more knowledge of the subject and a clearer head than I have at present. I am, nevertheless, at present of the opinion that the so called "bridge money" is anterior to the Knife coins – I have many reasons for this much too long to go into now, but one of the principal ones is that the Knife coins are worked on both sides, while the bridge coins (I only know of one exception) have one side flat. In aſsigning dates to coins, I go chiefly by the information I am able to deduce from the coins themselves, workmanship, metal, characters design, etc rather than what books have to say on the matter. I have studied Chinese numismatics from the archeological and "practical" point of view – and I could do no more, being unacquainted, as I am, with Chinese to any degree of efficiency.—

Lily root money, Bell barter currency, arrow head exchange tokens, and Knife coin, specially the larger series, I should consider all of posterior make to the Bridge money - Some day I hope to be able to give you my reasons for this opinion - but as to assigning them an exact or approximate date - "c'est autre affaire."

Now to your second letter (Jany. 6th).

I do not think that I shall be able to write for the "Numismatist" as often as I did when you were Associate Editor. I do not seem to take such interest as when I was more directly under your guidance, but time may make me take more interest in the new change - the fact of the matter is, friend Wood, that I am arriving at the conclusion that I have still a great deal to learn about Chinese or Japanese numismatics - and I am getting a bit frightened of exposing my ~~[illegible]~~ entire ignorance. I think I ought to write less and study more - I am not prepared - by any means - to expound such a deep and intricate subject as I have foolishly undertaken to fathom!

I can hardly agree with you as to the Kuan's piece we sent you some time back as "being made by private people as ornaments and souvenirs." There is no doubt that pieces of this kind, ~~wh~~ were made at an official mint, by operatives of the mint, by order or otherwise, for similar purposes as the "matsuri" or "miya" sen with the two Japanese gods of Daikoku and Yebisu. Every mint seems to have made these pieces - some with the gods alone on the surface of the [illegible], others with the gods outside, such for instance as a piece we sent you about a year ago. They have their place in Japanese numismatics and a very important place at that, as Majima's, Kamei[illegible] and other books on the subject of Yesen alone, will testify. To me they have a great attraction and I hope some day to be able to write up about my "matsuri" or "miya" sen, which collection is probably the best in Japan.

The Kwan Ei Annam counterfeits are rarely met with in Japan. I have picked up a great many in the South of China, but up north or in this country, they are seldom, if ever, seen. What Kwan Ei do you refer to as being 3 or 4 inches broad. Van der Polder's book has one illustrated and Rielly bought a similar one from Nakajima at Kyoto - are they the ones you refer to?

The uchigata books I had in duplicate of the Bongo Ko Sen Kai, go by this opportunity. That Society no longer continued after the death of old Takahashi, an old friend of mine, who was the editor and principal supporter.

I intended going to Peking to bring back that big collection of coins which I told you I was in treaty about and which I have now purchased definitively, but the plague in Manchuria and North China makes travelling in those regions now impossible on account of the many detentions, observations and quarantines ones has to undergo, to say nothing of the risk involved. I have therefore post-poned my trip "sine die" and will have the collection sent to me here by parcels post by my Peking agent.

We received a letter from Dr B. P. Wright. Our stamp business is usually limited to the wholesale export to dealers abroad of Japanese stamps only. We are too far away to make the retail business pay, as it takes up too much time with little or no results. We will, nevertheless, prepare a few approval books, specially of the rarer Japanese Revenues and send on to him. As regards the stamps of other Far Eastern countries, we do not deal in them to any extent and therefore will be unable to serve him in this connection.

This I think finishes your two private letters.

There are a few matters in your business letter to our firm which might perhaps best be answered here.

Re: White Slave Traffic Society Medals. We have already procured one of these for you and I am waiting for others before sending them on to you, with information concerning this Society which I have already asked from the Yokohama branch and which I expect within a few days.

The American dealers have nothing to complain about our doing business direct with American collectors. Both you and Higgins have done a great deal for us, which we appreciate and are thankful for, but they have no one to blame, except themselves, for this state of affairs. When I first took up the management of my present firm, I addressed all or most American dealers, offering my services and inviting them to create an interest in Far Eastern coins, if the subject was not already popular in your country. I did not receive a single answer, except, perhaps, from Max Mehl, who limited himself to ask for the price of 1 Yen gold pieces for future requirements! I decided, therefore, to dispense with these "middlemen" and work up the business myself direct from here. I joined two American Numismatic Societies, made catalogues, illustrated, of attractive and interesting coins, wrote up and gave as much publicity as possible to this subject and with your and Higgins kind help, this branch of numismatics is receiving today some attention in your country - but the thanks are not due to American dealers, in fact, I know they are doing everything to discourage it. No wonder, therefore, that they consider you as a thorn in their flesh! They certainly ought not to complain:- they have laid their own beds and must now be content to sleep on them.

I take note that you want us to send you Lockharts three volumes of the "Currency of the Farther East". At the present moment we have none in stock, but hope to be able to meet your wishes soon.

The first & second volumes, printed by Noronha, of Hong Kong in 1895, were soon exhausted and shortly afterwards commanded quite high prices - I paid for my two first volumes £ 3.10.- in England, about 1900, & thought I was getting them cheap!

In 1898, the third volume appeared, - a sort of Index, - but it never became exhausted as most people, even tho' they possessed the first two volumes, were aware that the third existed.

In 1907, Noronha reprinted the first volume, and, together with some of the original issues of the 2nd (plates) and 3rd (index) volumes, managed to make some 30 complete sets. These are the ones now offered for sale. Some 20 copies have already been disposed, so that soon they will again command a high price. We are sending a copy of the complete set to the Syracuse Public Library and have told them to send it on to you in case they do not keep it. In all events, we will endeavour, and I think with success, to try and procure for you a complete set, should that Library retain the one we are sending them today.

I got a most amusing letter from Com. W. C. Eaton - at least my firm did. I can not help answering it in a similar manner and I will send you copies, so that you may enjoy the joke.

I am sending Dr Storer a few Japanese tokens connected with Medicine, Medical Associations, etc. Do you know him personally?

I am dead tired and so must you be after reading this long letter. I hope to be able to write you a business letter tomorrow morning, in time for the mail.

From Robinson I got also a letter, which I will answer soon.

Yours very truly

H. A. Ramsden

Copy of post-card sent on 2nd Feb'ry, 1911, to
A. R. Frey Esq., 33 A Hampton Place,
Brooklyn. N. Y.

My Dear Sir:-

Your favour of Jan'y 2nd duly to hand and I take due note that you have assumed the entire editorial control of the "Numismatist".

Time permitting, I shall have great pleasure in contributing as heretofore, much more so, after your kind invitation.

Manuscripts will be forwarded to Mr. Wood, as customary, who will submit same to you, and I hope in this manner to avoid giving you any un-necessary trouble. Mr. Wood has kindly consented to read, correct and see through the press all contributions sent by me.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) H. A. Ramsden.

Confidential.

Can't you give me any information about the party mentioned at foot ?

W. A. P. Thompson, A.MA.
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3rd Feb. 11.

Bauman L. Belden Esq.,
847 Jersey Avenue,
Elizabeth, N. J.

Dear Sir:-

Through the kindness of Mr. Howland Wood, of Brookoline, mass., we have been informed that the American Numismatic Society was in the market for medals, decorations and medalets, pertaining to war, etc and this is our excuse for writing to you.

While it is not often that we are able to acquire specimens of above, due, among other causes, to the restrictions placed by the authorities which prohibit other than the original recipients owning such pieces, much less their disposing of same in the market, we may have, on occasions, some pieces which perhaps might prove of interest to the Society.

We are sending today, through Mr. Wood, one or two of those pieces which perhaps that Society would like to see, having adopted this course, instead of direct to you, until we can get to know whether such selections meet with your approval. Should you in future wish us to send direct to you, we will have great pleasure in doing so, on advice from you to this effect.

Information always accompanies the pieces themselves, but should this not be sufficient, we shall have always great pleasure in giving any further information which lies within our power to do so.

It is perhaps un-necessary for us to remark that we would like to place at the service of that Society, or your own, our help and experience, in an unconditional manner in case you think we may be of some use in matters pertaining to the Far East.

Yours obediently,
Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
per,

3rd Feb. 11.

J. C. Hills Esq.,
19 Atwood Street,
Hartford. Conn.

Dear Sir:-

Having been informed that you had acquired the small collection of Japanese Medalets, Badges, etc., which was exhibited at the New York Convention of the A.N.A. last year, it has occurred to us that you may be further interested in these attractive medallic productions of this country.

We beg to advise that, in consequence, we are forwarding through Mr. Howland Wood, of Brookline, Mass., a second collection of these interesting pieces, following this procedure, instead of direct to you as we wish to avoid imposing on you any trouble in connection with the receipt and passing of these through the Customs in your country. Should you, nevertheless, wish us in future to send direct to you any medals etc., which we think might interest you and would wish us to send on to you for approval or selection, we shall only be pleased to do so on advice to this effect.

The present collection, mounted on 15 cardboards, comprises some 203 different specimens, duly numbered and classified in a descriptive catalogue which accompanies the collection. As all the specimens, with the probable exception of some 10 items, are different from the ones composing the previous collection of 77 specimens, it may be considered as an additional collection to the above. This collection which we are now sending was amassed by a Japanese gentleman in Tokyo and it took him no little time and trouble to get together. Having been made at a different locality to the previous one, the class of medals is entirely different to the former.

The present collection is not only larger, nearly three times the former, but it also composed of a better class of medals, etc. Commemorative pieces, of both wars, of peace and other military connections are well represented. Patriotic Associations and other kindred Societies are included in this lot. The collections having been made in the Capital of the Empire, it is more varied and representative than if made at some provincial centre.

The Catalogue which accompanies is fairly descriptive, but naturally condensed. It only differentiates the metal when the pieces are of silver, a good many of which are included. Should any further information be required about any individual piece, it will be a matter of pleasure for us to furnish any further details required, as far as it lies in our power to do so we have kept rubbings of all the specimens, both of the previous and the present collection, so that it will be sufficient if reference is made to the numbers only and to which collection it belongs.

We have taken due note that you are interested in special kinds of medals and insignias. We are on the look out for medalets and tokens issued in connection with the visit of the U.S. Battleship fleet to these waters a year or two back. We have only seen, so far, two of these pieces, one of which we are sending to Mr. Wood, and which we would like to present to you as a small token of appreciation. This one was bought by our Mr. Ramsden when the fleet arrived here. The second one we refer to, unfortunately we have been unable to get a specimen of. We saw it one night at a street vendor's stall, but although we have looked everywhere for another, we so far have been unsuccessful, but we will still persist in our search. We enclose rubbing of the piece we are sending you through Mr. Wood.

Military and other Government medals and Decorations are hard to procure. The recipients not wishing to part with them and the authorities confiscationg those which are not rightfully acquired, that is to say, those found in possession of parties who were not the original recipients. Should we run across any, we will certainly bear you in mind and we have told Mr. Wood to inform you in case we send him any which we think might interst you.

Hoping you will pardon this lengthy communication, and offering you our services in this part of the world,

we beg to remain,
Yours obediently,
Jun Kobayagawa Co.,

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Yokohama, 3rd Feb. 11 19

Howland Wood Esq.,
83 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Without any of yours to refer to, we have to advise having today sent direct to your address a box containing a collection of 203 different Japanese Medals, Badges, etc, mounted on 15 cardboards, as per descriptive and numbered Catalogue herewith enclosed.

In the Custom Declaration sheet which accompanies this packet, we have placed the value at Yen 20.00, much below its true value, for Custom House duties purposes, which it is un-necessary to explain.

We have placed this lot in a separate Invoice, so as to leave you a free hand. The Invoice is herewith attached.

We intended this collection for Mr. J.C.Mills, as you will perceive by the copy of letter we are addressing him. It is not required the return of this carbon copy, but we send it to you not only for the above purpose, but that also you may have full particulars as to this collection.

We considered it best, in both this case and that of Mr. Bowman L. Belden, to write to them in this strain and to adopt the present course, as we have never so far had any direct correspondence with either party. Should they wish to write to us direct, we can in future also correspond with them direct.

We have also to advise having sent in the same box containing the above collection, the War Medals and other items as per enclosed Invoice. These might serve for Mr. Belden (A.N.S. destination) or for Mr. Mills. I am also enclosing a carbon copy of a letter we are today sending to him in this connection, and, if you consider convenient, might also serve for Mr. Hills. In both these letters, you will notice that we have been non committal as regards the number of medals sent to you, etc., so as to leave you unhampered on disposing of them to whichever party you think best. We do not require the return of the carbon copy of this letter to Mr. Belden.

In the same package we are sending you three small items, as per [illegible]. The Kwan Ei [illegible], as we think we have informed you before, is of very modern make. As it is [illegible], it might perhaps be added to your Kwan Ei collection as a curiosity. The other two Kwan Ei are, on the other hand, extremely interesting. We will leave you to figure out what they are, as we feel certain that your deductions and conclusions will as near to the mark as ours. They are certainly curious pieces.

We enclose copy of a post-card that our Mr. Ramsden has sent to the new Editor of the "Numismatist". It has reference *in it* to you, which we hope meets with your approval.

We also enclose correspondence with Commodore W.C.Eaton, which we mentioned to you in a previous letter. We thought you might be amused over it. Please return when perused, as it forms part of our correspondence file.

We think we have requested you before to pay our Mr. Ramsden's dues to the A.N.A., whenever they become due and charge to our account. Thanks in anticipation for this favour.

As the above items, both the collection of 203 medalets and other medals etc., as well, are entrusted to your care for sale for our account, they must be governed by the stipulated conditions on such transactions, although the trouble imposed can never be repaid in an adequate manner by us.

We have already acquired the information about the Society for the suppression of the White Slave Traffic, we are now waiting to procure a similar badge as the one sent with the first collection of 77 Japanese medalets. This information will form the subject of a separate letter, which will be sent together with the badges and medals we can procure for you, one already being in our possession.

This we think covers all we have to say to you for today.
With repeated thanks,
Yours obediently,
Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
per,

Yokohama, 13th Feb. 1911.

Frank G. Duffield Esq.,
General Secretary, A.N.A.,
1811 Mosher Street,
Baltimore. Md.

Dear Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt and thank you for your favour of 7th January, giving me information about Mr. E. S. Martin, recently admitted as a member of the A.N.A.

Now that that the identity of this party is the same as that of Eben. S. Martin, formerly of Chicago, Elaro, Ill., and Evergreen, Ala., who failed in the Stamp business a year or two back, I would like to tender my strong protest against this party being a member of the A.N.A., as, I can confirm what one of our fellow members in Chicago wrote about him, that he has not been as honest and straightforward in his dealings with his customers as he should have been .

My firm has still fresh in its memory the dishonoured drafts by this party and in the books of our concern various sums still appear to his debit. Should the A.N.A require further proof of our assertion we can send them all the documents in the case as well as refer them to our lawyer in America who in vain endeavoured to obtain payment for the sums owing us.

I was away in the interior of China when his election took place, otherwise I would have written at the opportune time. The Michaels in Chicago as well as other persons interested both in philately and numismatics could have spoken at the right moment.

It is a consolation that he is not much interested in coins and that this Mr. Martin would probably not renew his membership in the A.N.A. for 1911. I hope this will be the case and I also hope that he will not, before this event happens, throw any discredit on the A.N.A., to which Society he is not suited in any way

Very truly yours.

This is a letter from the [illegible] !
If Martin has not renewed don't press him
now at the right time publish that he has been
suspended for non-payment of dues. This is
the best way out. Who proposed him?
Wood

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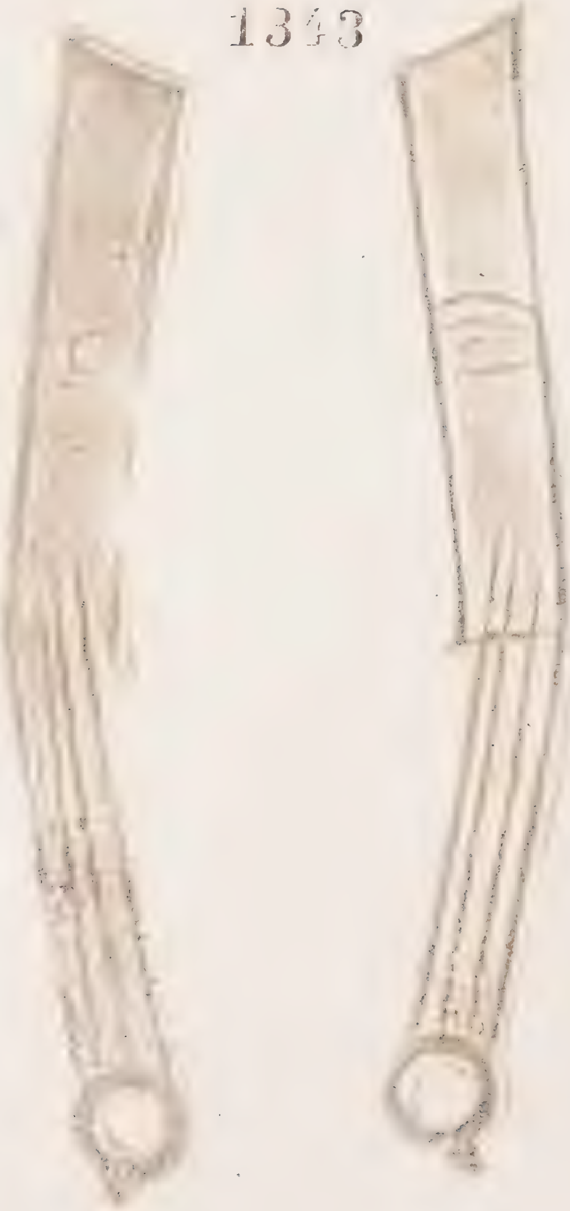

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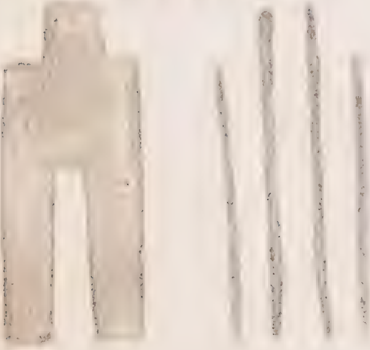

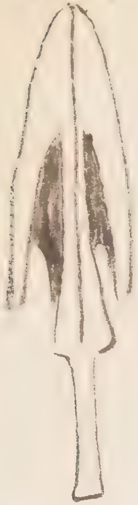
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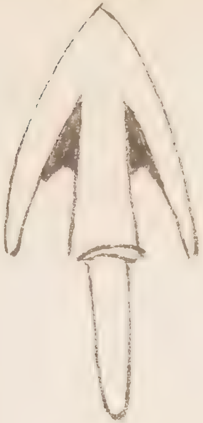
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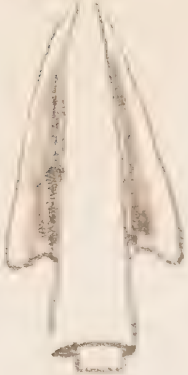
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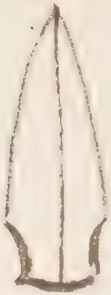
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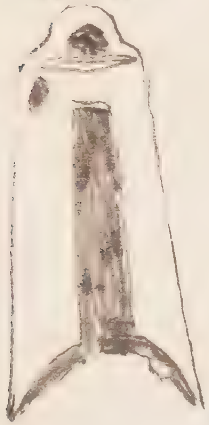
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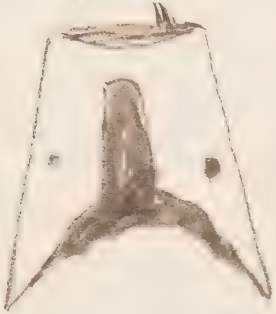
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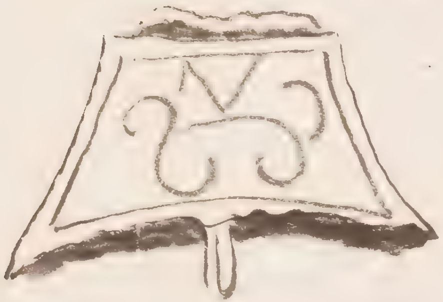
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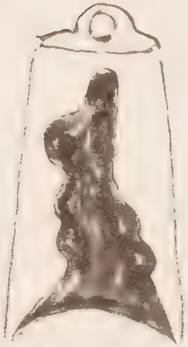
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Yokohama, 14th Febry. 1911.

My dear Wood:-

Your private letter of Jany. 17th, together with your notes on the coins of the present dynasty of China, reached me the day before yesterday.

Your notes on the mints in Manchu will be of inestimable help to me in making up the small monograph I intend to get ready this winter - It will be necessarily short, as I am not able to afford ~~an~~ so much time to it at present. Your notes are wonderful, but I do not think that I shall be able to go through them this time. On some future occasion we might both of us together undertake a work of this kind, but, as you well say, it also gives me the "scare". I have seen at a glance, that you are wanting many known specimens, specially those of the Hsieng Feng and Kwang Su periods, while you have, on the other hand, many specimens which are new to me. We live & learn.

I intended going to Peking this month to take charge of that big collection which I have bought, but the quarantine and other measures imposed on account of the plague, make it impossible for me. My Peking agent is in charge of this and the collection ought to be here by the end of this month. Then I will have my hands full!

I have received various letters from Robinson, but I am afraid that I have given him too much work & trouble. Anyhow I now know exactly what he has got and shall be better able to serve him. - I have so far only glanced over his drawings and notes and have formed a pretty good idea of what he needs. He is very weak in the ancient coins and I am glad to see that he intends to augment this section of his collections. Some, I can see, even by the drawings, are forgeries, but it appears that he also has a good idea about them. I think you must have been helping him here?

No news of the missing parcel with the returned coins, your imitation pieces and the Chinese Souvenirs! It must be traced from your end - and as soon as you give me the data I have asked for, I will also do what I can from here. I can not understand it, as it is the first time I have heard of a parcel getting lost in this way -

Can you give me any information regarding the parties in the enclosed slips of paper? Many thanks in advance.

From Reilly I have had no news for a long while - but is this not natural?

I am not writing you by this mail any business letter as we have nothing to send you except 203 Kwan Ei Tanes.

The "White Slave Traffic" badge is still wanting and as soon as received, will be forwarded with other information. It takes a long time, on occasions, to get exactly what one wants, even in this country.

We are sending Dr Storer a few "medicine" medals, tokens and have told him that he can send to you those he does not keep.

I am also enclosing copy of a letter to the General Secretary of the A.N.A. It explains itself.

I am also writing to Robinson tonight, & will now end this letter, having nothing special further to say.

Yours very sincerely

H. A. Ramsden

P.S. I hope you have not forgotten about the 6 copies of the A. J. of N. in which my article on Tsi mok Coins is inserted?

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Yokohama, 21st Feb. 11. 19

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Dear Sir:-

We are sending you herewith a perfect specimen of the small Pu of the Ch'u class, as we consider that it might prove of interest to you.

This class of coin is treated by our Mr. Ramsden on page 6 of his "Notes and Observaciones regarding a representative collection of Ancient Chinese Coins".

We have only just acquired this specimen, at a much increased price than those of three we picked up in China last year, but can offer it to you within the estimate given to you by our Mr. Ramsden.

We also enclose a third instalment of the above "Notes and Observation etc", as our Mr. Ramsden has not had time to write to you by this mail, although he has various topics to write to you about.

Yours obediently,

Jun Kobayagawa Co., per H.A.R.

P. S. We think we have told you before that neither the British Museum or any other public Institution in Europe or America, has a specimen of the above class of Pu. We only know of one collection outside of China who has a specimen of this coin. In Japan there are only two collections which include this coin.

March 4,1911

Jun Kobayagawa Co.Yokohama,Japan.

Gentlemen,-

I am herewith making the following payments to you -

Invoice J.Robinson	Jan 17			$13.00
"" ""	Jan 3		14.00	14.00
" H.Wood	Jan.31			4.64
"" ""	Feb.3			1.45
"" J.Robinson	May 31	for coins lost in transit		2.41
"" ""	Apr.26	" " " " "		7.70
				43.20
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Now that you bring up the subject I remember now that I put the two invoices mentioned above in the same package with the convention souventirs and the counterfeit coins.I guess that these are lost for good and as I should have registered the package which apparently I did not there is no reason why you should stand the loss of the pieces returned. On two yellow slips of paper I am stating just what these coins were that I was returning.This should now straighten you out on your book keeping.

From H.Vreeland I have received the following coins,on invoice of Jan 31 619K & 620K. From Vreeland on invoice of Feb.27 the following have been returned to me 1162,1163 1164 1165.

From Frank T.Keiffer invoice Dec. 27th. He has sent me the following.606,607,608,1174,1175 1176,601,602,603,604 & 605.

None of the above have I disposed of as yet as I have been very busy with other matters but will try to get at these soon.

I am herewith enclosing a small order from one of the dealers in Boston,this stuff you can send through me,though make out the bill to him.letter of Jan 31 is before me as well as the invoice of ~~coin~~ books No.The little book on Decorations interest me very much and I am going to have a Japanese student here look it over and have him translate what I think will interest me.

I am surprised that Duffield did not answer your letter in re H.S. Martin. I know nothing about this Martin but will write Duffield. I take it that he has given you trouble.

Your favor of Feb 3 is before me together with the medals. These are a very attractive lot and I guess that I will have no trouble in disposing of them. I wish however they were related only to war as several collectors here would go after them. Hills although he bought the whole of the other collection wanted only the war ones and gave me the rest to dispose of and I still have them. If he does not take them I will see if I cannot interest the Society in them. I will send Hills the commemorative medals of the U.S. fleet. He has lately gotten one given to our officers by the Japanese Govt.

The two actual war medals are dandy and I could dispose of them to several people. The Society will have the first chance at these unless I have to sell these also in disposing the other collection. Dont let on to anyone the price you billed these to me as I can ask a good price for these as I doubt if there are any others in this country. If ever you get any others send them on to me. I note in that book of decorations there are several other government medals pictured. I could use some of these also. I am going to illustrate these in the next number of the Journal

The three Kwan Ei Yesens are interesting, I have not studied them out as yet as I have been too interested in the medals.

W.A.P. Thompson Coatesville Pa. I think is fairly well to do, he pays good prices for stuff that he wants and I have never heard any thing against him. I have met him and he impressed me favorably.

I have paid your dues to the A.N.A. and have deducted $2.00 from the bill. Many thanks in looking up the White Slave medals and I am awaiting the information about these with interest.

I remain very truly.

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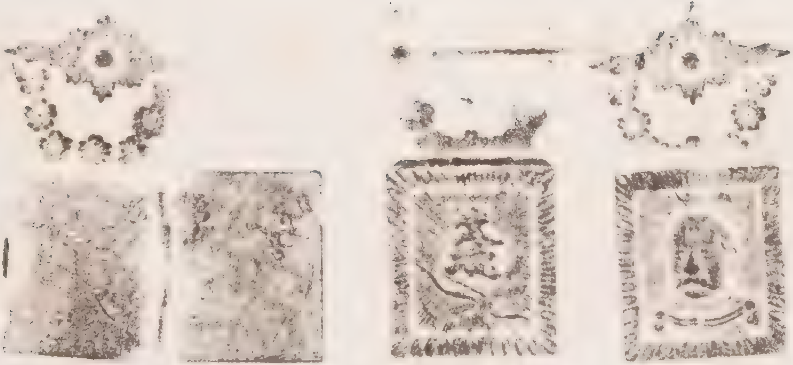

7th March 11.

A. H. Cooper-Prichard Esq.,
Numismatic Museum,
West 156th Street,
New York City. N.Y.

My dear Mr. Cooper-Prichard:-

Many thanks for your card giving me your new address and to which I am forwarding this letter.

We are getting out a new illustrated Price list of Far Eastern coins and as soon as published it will be forwarded on to you in case you may find anything in it you want.

I am afraid I can not tell you if I am related to the Ramsdens of Warwickshire, but I have written to my brother in London, who is a solicitor and well up in our ancestral pedigree, and have put the question to him. Will let you know answer in due course.

I am now very busy classifying and arranging a most important collection of coins which my firm has just bought at Peking from the rector of the Chinese University there, perhaps the biggest authority on the ancient coins of China. The collection is the most important which has changed hands for many years and comprises some 400 specimens, perhaps nearer 500, of the ancient coins only, of odd shapes, as there is not a single specimen of the round or circular coins. I have written to friend Howland Wood to interest the American Numismatic Society, where you are librarian, through Mr. Belden, as I think that institution ought to acquire or at least have an option of this wonderful lot before it is offered to any other museum either in Europe or in your country or dispersed by us to collectors.

You may gather the importance of this famous collection when I tell you that it is three or four times larger than the British Museum collection, which is supposed to be one of the best in the world, with this advantage, that not only it is of a great deal more importance in quantity, but also in quality as there are no facsimile or representative speciemens, which abound in the British National Museum lot. We have been able to acquire it for almost a mere song and are offering it, as an entire lot , at a slight profit as I would like this unrivalled lot to go to one of the Societies to which I belong. The opportunity, therefore, is unique, and if you have occasion to talk about the subject, I have given you the above information so that you will be au fait with the subject.

I am going to try to get to England next year, but I do wish it was America instead. Anyhow I hope to soon visit again your country where I have spent many happy years, although I am an englishman.

I hope you will like your new duties and if you have any spare time, let me hear from you now and again.

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Yokohama, [illegible] 19......

Howland Wood Esq.,
98 [illegible] Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your favour of Jan. 30th as well as of remittance for ....$ 32.50, in settlement of the various items therein mentioned.

We have to thank you specially for the trouble you have taken on our goods and we feel that we will never be able to compensate you sufficiently for all that you are doing for us, but which is appreciated in full.

Your memo. of coins still in your possession, as well as those sold for our account, appears to be in conformity with our books.

We note that Mr. Higgins paid $ 10.00 on account and that he has still to his debit part of Invoice of Aug. 17th, and hope th[illegible] has not caused you or Mr. Higgins any [illegible].

We have received copy of the Jan. number of the "Numismatist" and thank you on behalf of our Mr. Ramsden for having attended so carefully to his article on the Nanking exhibition. We have only received one copy of this issue and no doubt the other six will follow in due course.- We have, on the other hand, to acknowledge the receipt of the six extra copies of the "American Journal of Numismatics" in which the article of our Mr. Ramsden on the smaller series of [illegible] coins appear and [illegible].

We regret to say that the result of our circular letter and other literature which we recently sent to all members of the A.N.A. have so far given but very poor results, in fact, not more than 8 or 10 new parties have answered us, so that not even 3 per cent of the parties addressed have answered us.

We are nevertheless of opinion that there are a great many persons in your country interested in Far Eastern coins, some only to a very slight degree, but so far we have not yet got a complete list of them. Some do not seem to be members of the A.N.A.

We are embarking on a large advertising undertaking in the German and Austrian numismatic papers and hope to open up there a new field.

We have received no news yet of the missing packet with the Convention souvenirs and other coins enclosed with same. We have again advised the Post Office here to trace it from this end, but as we could not give the exact date this parcel left your office, as you only tell us that it was sent off about a fortnight after your letter telling us about it. The Post Office say that they must know the exact date in order to calculate what steamer carried the package across the Pacific, although again they repeat to us that these investigations have to be made and begun and undertaken by the office from which the missing packet started from . Here it is customary to give receipt for all packeages, registered or not, so if any package gets lost, then they can trace it easily. It evidently does not appear to be the same over there, but some record must have been kept at the sending office, whether it was registered or not. We hope, in consequence, that you have had a tracer sent after it from over there, as from this end nothing absolutely can be done.

We have not forgotten your order for a collection of the modern struck copper provincial pieces for China, but this will take some time to make it representative as we have ordered them from our agents in Peking, Manchuria, Shanghai and Canton, so as to be able to get as many different specimens as possible. This will naturally take some time, but you have not been forgotten. As regards the KiaoChau pieces, we have written to our agent at Tsingtau to send us the best specimens he can pick up and we hope to get an answer from him soon.

We thank you for your promise to attending to our collection of Medalets and Tokens we recently sent you for disposal. We are sorry if they give you more than the ordinary trouble.

We engaged with Mr. Zerbe for advertising in the Numismatist for an entire year, and in one of his letters we have the confirmation of 1/3 rebatement if the contract was annual, a similar rebatement, we see, which is now extended to all annual advertisers by the new management of the Numismatist. Whether the numbers during the entire year did not reach twelve, this we think is attributed to the management of the publication.

Our Mr. Ramsden will try and write you a personal letter this evening in answer to yoursof Jan 20th, but we doubt if we shall be able to include it in this same cover.

We are sending you a few Kwan Ei items as per enclosed Invoice. The Tree and pot arrangement with leaves made of Kwan Ei sen, is somewhat of a curiosity. It was made for Temple uses. The other Kwan Eis require no further mention, although the vessen with two horses is not so commonly met with.

Some two weeks before the receipt of your enquiry for the large Kwan Ei medal, we had an offer of one of these pieces, but as they wanted quite a high price for it, we did not think it was worth it and consequently let it pass. At any moment we may get another opportunity within reasonable price and we will remember you then.

We have now received the large collection of ancient Chinese coins about which our Mr. Ramsden has on various occasions talked to you about. We are now very busy classifying and arranging it. It is a wonderful collection and we are not much inclined to sell it by lots, as we think it would be a great pity to disperse it. If we can see no opportunity of disposing it as an entire lot in your country, our Mr. Ramsden will then take it with him to Europe next year, as we think we will not have much difficulty in disposing of it to some Continental museum. In the meantime we are awaiting to hear what you can definitively inform us about this and whether it would be prudent, in any case, to send it to America in time for the annual Convention at Chicago for exhibition purposes, with a view to ultimate sale. We have written to Mr. Cooper-Prichard who informs us that he has been appointed as Librarian to the A.N.S, and in order that you may see what we have written to him, we enclose press copy of our Mr. Ramsden's letter to him on the subject. We do not wish this copy returned to us.

We are sending you also by this same mail a set of four Chinese books on foreign travel. We bought this together with other books and consequently we can dispose of them at only a nominal figure. We thought that Mr. Higgins might like them, but we do not write to this gentleman direct, as neither ourselves, nor our Mr. Ramsden, have had any communications from this gentleman within the last 2 months, nor any reply to our letters, so far, so that we have given up writing to him direct any more.

Howland Wood Esq. # 4.

It is again also some time since we have had any news from Mr. [illegible]. We received a [illegible] from St. [illegible] or some place like it, in Florida, which we think came from this gentleman, from the writing on the cover, but nothing further.

May we request of you to be so kind as to pay our Mr. Ramsden's subscription to the A.N.S, as per enclosed notification and to debit us with this amount. You might also mention at time of payment that postage to Japan is 5 instead of 2 cents. If it had been any other letter we would have refused accepting same, as we had to pay postage due of 12 sen, as per enclosed cover.

We enclose a cutting from a local newspaper about the Yokohama Numismatic Society's Exhibition to be held on 19th inst. It may prove of sufficient interest to be inserted as news matter in the Numismatist.

May we request of you not to return to us any coins which may be sent to you by other parties in your country and which you hold for our account, as not been able to sell them over there. We refer in this case to all coins and any or other goods you may have over there and have not been able to sell so far. Our Mr. Ramsden is going to try to get to Europe next year and he will need some coins, as he will engage in some business during his trip. He may therefore want all the coins you have over there [illegible] to him in England to him, but we will write to you further about this later on, only requesting you for the time being to keep back with you all coins and other goods and not send them back to us here without our request for same. In the interim, we are keeping a record of these, noted on your Notes and our books, only for future references.

We sent Mr. F.C. Kieffer a coin as per Invoice enclosed, which speaks for itself. Thanks in anticipation in case he sends it on to you. This coin is unpublished and quite rare.

We think there is nothing more for this letter, and again thanking you for all your kindness, we remain.

Yours obediently,
Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
per.

P.S. Can you give us any information about Dr. Haesler, of Sta. Ana, Cal.? He has sent us many rubbings of Far Eastern coins for identification. We have had no business dealings with him so far. He appears to have resigned the Dist. Sec. of A.N.A. in his district.

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Yokohama, 13th March, 1911.

My dear Wood:-

Just two lines to acknowledge the receipt and answer your private letter of Jan. 29th, as a mail is leaving tomorrow for San Francisco.

You say you have not heard from Reilly for some time. You will see what I say about him in my business letter. I think he must have gone down to Florida - perhaps to escape the cold weather up North.

You have nothing to thank me for the duplicate old uchugata books I sent you and which you no doubt have received ere now. I owe you too many favours and appear to be getting more and more in debt to you. "Quien Sabe" if some day I may get a chance to repay some of it?

My business letter has said about all I want to say regarding the missing package with 'Capt. Eaton's forgeries' and other things. I think the "tracer" from your side ought to do it.

I note what you say about the A. N. S and the large collection of Chinese Coins I have just bought from Peking. I think it will be hard for anyone to decide anything until they can see the collection itself. It requires the eye to be cast on it and then it will do the trick, but I do not think it can be done unless one sees the collection itself. In the meantime, I am mounting it up on boards,- as I did the one sent over last year - and if you consider that it would be advisable to expose it at the A. N. A Convention, then I will send it along. I have no doubt a purchaser could be found without much difficulty, provided he was able to see the actual specimens which comprise the collection. They are so attractive and fascinating that they would not fail if seen, as they would speak for themselves. I am not in a hurry to dispose of it, as I am certain of selling it well in Europe when I go next year. I shall make a descriptive catalogue of it and specially compare it with the British Museum collection, which it totally eclipses. Some pieces are of the greatest rarity and others could perhaps only be duplicated in my own collection. I am waiting, therefore, to see what you have to say about the Chicago Convention proposition before deciding anything else.

I will return you the three K'ang Hsi coins you sent me the next time I have something to send you. I find Lockhart has two of them and a third is also near to yours. I have marked the No of Lock. on the envelopes. I have various specimens of these in my own collection. I do not think any of the ones you send are "tanes". The one in the envp No. 60134 - (Lock #931) is a beautiful coin, with little use, but I do not think it a tané.

This ends your letter - as other points are treated in our business letter of today's date.

I have been extremely busy of late and have hardly had time to do anything else but coins. The exhibition in connection with the Yokohama Numismatic Society's Convention has kept me very busy. As President, I have to do most of the work, but I think it will be a success. I am sending you sample of the collotype plate which will accompany the Convention No. of the Uchigata book. This is a complete set of genuine Wang Mang Pus - from one hundred to a thousand - in my own collection. I only know of one other entire set, in China, but not such good specimens as mine. This lot of ten pieces cost me about $400.00, so that it will give you an idea of its value. The two or three different values in the B. M. are imitations. Keilly, I think, has only one denomination.

I am endeavouring to find time to write a short article for the H. J. of Numismatics. I have the subject, a most interesting one - completely new, as no one has ever made mention of this class of ancient metallic currency, except a rare Chinese work, little known, even in China, and it will be worth while being the first to treat on this subject. - I have just picked up some beautiful specimens of this money, which I shall send over to you in due course, so that they may be reproduced over there in a fitting manner. My object was that you could read this paper for me at one of their meetings, show the actual specimens themselves and have them reproduced over there in order to illustrated my paper on the subject. This is the first time I have ever seen these pieces, extremely attractive and will be the first time that they have ever been described.

I have joined the numismatic Societies of Berlin & Vienna and they have begun by asking me for contributions on Far Eastern Currency! - I did not intend it this way when I applied for membership to those two Societies. My idea was that they would give me a good standing in both Germany & Austria and ultimately help me to get good business connections - but it can not be helped and we must take the lean with the fat.

I am inclined to believe that Higgins is just about as erratic in letter writing as Reilly is - It is now sometime since I heard direct from the New York member and if he knew what pleasure it gave me to receive his letters, I feel certain he would answer with more frequency my epistles to him.

This is enough for tonight!

Yours sincerely

H. A. Ramsden

Yokohama, 26th March, 1911.

My dear Wood:-

I think the time has now arrived for me to give you all the information I have been able to gather about the Society for the prevention of the White Slave Traffic.

After some difficulty, I got the address of a party in Yokohama whom I was told could probably supply me with the information required. I wrote therefore to Mr Hayashi and got a prompt reply, as follows:-

The Kyo (Reform) Hu (Customs) Kai (Society) was founded at Yokohama in November, Meiji 19th. At the start, both male & female members composed the Society and originally termed the Kyo, Hu, Kin (forbid) Shu (wine) Kai (Temperance Society). As distinctive sign they wore a blue ribbon like this, in the lappel of their kimonos ("Blue ribbon army" as it is called in England)- Later, a society was formed in Tokyo called the Fu-Jin (female persons, i.e. women) Kyo Ku Kai, consisting of women members only and four or five years after the formation of this society in Tokyo, the women members of the Yokohama society, got affiliated to it.

He then gave me the address of the President (female) of the Yokohama branch of the Nippon Fujin Kyo Ku Kai, to whom I immediately wrote. As I did not receive an answer for quite a longwhile, I wrote again and was this time informed that she had written to the Headquarters in Tokyo for them to answer me direct. After some while I received a letter from Tokyo Headquarters, more or less as follows:-

The Nippon Kirishito (Christ) Kio (Religion) Fu-Jin Kyo Hu Kai, was founded at Tokyo in December, 19th Meiji. In the year 26th Meiji, when Miss West came to Japan (a famous woman who first introduced and believed on Temperana in this country) this Society was divided and the women members joined (and perhaps also founded) the Fu jin Kyo Hu Kai. There are 69 Branches in Japan, including at Kiu Shiu, Shikoku, Hongoku, Hokaido and Taiwan (Formosa) Provinces. There are about 3500 members, of which 3000 are paying members. The Committa is composed of President, Vice President, two Secretaries and Treasurer. Their work is divided as follows. Womens Department (including White Slave Traffic) Young men's Department and Children's Department. The Sub-divisions are: Mothers meetings, Education, Evangelistic work, Reformation of bad customs, Help, Hygiene, Hereditary problems, Women labourers, Debating, Research, Recompense and award. Sabbath observance, anti smoking, etc. The headquarters are at Kojimachi Ku, Tokyo, at the girls school, whose principal is the President of the Society. (She is called Yajima Kagi, (a lady very famous in Japan for such work). The Executive Body, for the prevention of White Slave Traffic, radicates at Gi Aikan, Okubo, Tokyo. The Charity commission is located at Shibaku, Mita, Tokyo, where Sunday and night schools are held. There is a Woman's home at Osaka.

Having received no news about badges or regulations, I wrote again and had sent to me a copy of their printed Rules & Regulations, which I enclose herewith and was informed that the distinctive Sign of the Society was a white ribbon.

I then came to the conclusion that the Badge sent in the first collection for the A. N. A Convention, belonged either to one of the local branches or to some other Society, of similar name & purpose, in the provinces - and in order to see if any thing more could be done as regards this, I thought it the best plan to put an advertisement in the Ji-Ji- Shimbun (newspaper) asking for Badges of this Society. The ad. was duly inserted some 10 days ago, but no answer has been forthcoming, so far.

I think, therefore, that I have come to the end of my resources in this affair and ~~thereof~~ in consequence write to you as above. I will be on the look out for a specimen of a badge or badges for you, and have given orders to all the men in the interior who are our agents for procuring old stamps, coins, to buy any that they may come across.

In the meantime, I will send on whenever I have anything to send you, the medalet, or better still, the award or prize relating to this Society, with a rough translation of the inscription.

It is quite a long time since I received a letter from you, so have nothing much to say on this occasion.

I enclose a cutting which speaks for itself. The Exhibition was quite a success and attended by hundreds of people. It might serve as a bit of news item.

From Reilly or Robinson, nothing for some time past. I have two contributions, one for "Numismatist" and another for the A. J. of N., which I will forward in a few days, when I will again write to you. I have been very busy of late.

The missing 6 numbers of Jan, Feb of the "Numismatist" arrived today. I thank you, as I suppose this is due to you. Why have they left out the addresses of the new members of the A. N. A, as elected during the last two months? Is this a new rule or merely an attribution on the part of those concerned?

Yours sinc.

H. A. Ramsden

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Yokohama, 8th April, 1911.

My dear Wood:-

I would like tonight to acknowledge the receipt and answer your two private letters of 4th and 12th March; this last one received yesterday.

I shall be very pleased to lay before the Yok. Ko Sen Kai any coins you wish to send and will illustrate them after in our book. Thank you for your campaign re: Hansatu. They are so interesting and within the means of most people, that I am surprised that we have not interested any collectors in your country.

I will look up that Kwan Ei which you mention is entirely new to you and will report later on.

I have not heard from Reilly this year, although I also wrote to him, very indirectly and superficially, about the Ro collection of ancient Chinese coins. I am now very busy preparing and mounting this collection on boards, but will be a month or two yet over the job. This collection will probably not be able to be sold until it is first seen, when I feel certain we will have no difficulty in disposing of it. I do not want, nevertheless, that the collection goes a begging:- it is too important for this. If offered indiscriminately, it will loose a great deal - and I do not want too much publicity to be given to it, since, if not sold in your country, I will then be able to dispose of it in Europe next summer when I go there. I am, in consequence, neither in a hurry, nor anxious to get rid of it and only tell you this for your own guidance.

I do not expect many letters from Robinson - the most of the writing must be done by me. I am continuing sending him letters and notes on numismatic talks, which I am glad you are reading, as you may find in them something of interest now and then.

I can understand that your Japanese translator is not of much help. I have given them up ages ago, as their English is usually valueless.

Thanks for the information about the Am. Geographical Socy. I do not think I shall belong to it.

As regards the Kwan Ei medal I consider \$10.00 to high a price to give for it. I would have placed it at less than \$5.00, which sum I think Reilly paid for his in Japan when he was here last. It is not so rare as all that, and with a little patience I think I will be able to pick one up for you at the price mentioned above.

I will send you a copy of Lockharts in a short while, as the Syracuse Public Library kept the copy we sent them. I see these are advertised for sale in Germany at Marks 80.00, second hand copies.

Thanks for having written to Dr Storer. I do not know if I told you that we first received a letter from him asking us to be on the look out for "medicine" medals in this country; otherwise we would not have sent him anything. We rarely send on approval except when asked to do so, but thank you, nevertheless for having written to him. We have not had any answer from him so far.

The bilingual issues about which I spoke to you last summer, had reference to the ordinary cast coins for Chinese Turkestan. I had hopes of getting these in large quantities and being able to offer them to you at exceptional low rates. I have written to our agent at Hsianfu and still hope to fulfil my promise, in case you have use for them, although I think you told me once that you could use quite a quantity. Am I right in this?

Your letter of March 12th is now before me.

Thanks for A. N. A membership card for 1911 and for the report of people I asked you about, and which you have kindly answered in full.

I am glad that E. S. Martin will probably be "dropped" from the A. N. A. He is certainly no credit to any Society.

I have not had much time to go over your notes of the present Dynasty of China. Wylie, Bushell, Schwepfens, Kirkwood and others have all written so lengthy on this subject, that there is hardly any room left for original work. You have certainly gone into the matter deeply and I shall study your notes with more than the ordinary interest. Many thanks again for your very kind permission allowing me to make any use of them I may wish.

This finishes your private letters. Your business letter of March 4th, will be answered in the name of my firm.

Can you give me any news about friend Higgins? I wrote to him on several occasions and have despaired of getting an answer from him. I sent him some interesting material and a wood-block to serve for an article on numismatics and the new Year in Japan — but do not even know if he ever received them.

I am sending you by this same mail two articles for publication — One, on the pictorial characters on ancient Chinese coins, with ten wood blocks to illustrate it, which I thought might serve for the "Numismatist" or any other publication you consider would be better, and a second one on the "Carapace" money of ancient China, perhaps suitable for the Am. Journal of Numismatics. Besides the two woodblocks and the accompanying Chinese type, I am sending along the 20 specimens to which it refers, for two reasons: - 1st To be reproduced by whatever process the editors of the A. J. of N. considered most suitable, since wood-blocks would not have served the purpose, and, 2ndly to be exhibited at some meeting of the A. N. S, where my my article could be read as a sort of paper, before publication. I leave all this to your good judgement, for you to do whatever you think best. These 20 specimens are mounted on a cardboard, and as some are duplicates, I have no objection to their being offered for sale at the prices marked in the Invoice we will send you. You will have no difficulty in recognising which are the ones to be sold. The others belong to my own collection and are not for sale. I will leave it to your discretion which of them you think best ought to be reproduced with the article itself. I think they will make perfect reproductions and a good plate can be made out of them, say, some 9 specimens, which I have marked with a small "R" in the corner. Please do not forget to return me those which belong to my own collection and are not for sale. I think and hope that this article will be suitable for the A. J. of N.- I had intended it at first for the official organ of the Vienna Numismatic Society, as they have asked me for an article for publication in their paper, but as it might be somewhat difficult to have it translated into german, I have decided to write for them another one and send this one along to you.

I have just acquired to day a Tempo Oban, (about $125 in gold value) and have sold it immediately. I meant it for Mr Brand, of Chicago, to whom I have already sent some gold coins before, including a Manon Oban, but it was quickly snatched up by an American tourist now here and who had already ordered from us a big collection of Japanese gold coins. This is the first Oban of this series that I have seen for quite a while.

I wonder if you could stir Reilly up and get him to write to me? If I remember anything more that I have to say to you, then I will add a postscript to this letter, otherwise, yours sincerely

A. a. Ramsden

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Yokohama, 10th April, 1911.

Howland Wood Esq.,
93 Perry Street,
Brookline. Mass.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your favour of March 4th as well as for M.O. for ......$ 45.20, in settlement of the various items mentioned by you, for all of which we thank you.

We think you are rather premature in paying for the goods returned to us by the missing parcel. We are not yet certain that it has been finally lost. Time alone will tell, but we are sorry, for your own sake, more than for ours, that a tracer can not be set on its tracks, but probably you know best what ought to be done under the circumstances.

We thank you for having paid our Mr. Ramsden's A.A.A dues for the present year. We do not know how he stands with the A.N.S, but should any dues be unpaid, may we kindly request of you to also pay them for our account?

We take note that you have received various items from N.Vreeland and F.T.Kieffer and that you would try dispose of them in due course, for which many thanks in anticipation.

We are sending you together with other items, the coins ordered by the Boston dealer, H.E.Morey. In the summer of 1908 we also sent him a similar lot. Since that time prices have gone up somewhat, the 1 rin and Hongkong mil, not been so plentiful as in former times. There is little or no profit in an order of this kind and as we get no advertising advantage in consequence, we are not very eager to fill all such orders. At the price we sell at wholesale for dealers, they can again resell at almost 50 per cent cheaper than our own retail prices, and can compete with us, as they often do.

We are sending you along the two Kiachow nickel pieces which have at last now arrived.

Howland Wood Esq. # 2.

We are glad that you were pleased with the small book we sent you on Japanese Decorations and considered that it might be of some use to you.

We thank you for your promise to try to dispose of the collection of medalets and others we sent you in Feb. last. As the collection included some interesting pieces and as it was attractively mounted and catalogued, we think that you will not have so much difficulty in disposing of them.

As regards the war medals, which you considered "dandy," we will take good care, as requested by you, not to divulge the prices we let you have them at. We got this lot extraordinarily cheap and we let you have them, in consequence, also cheaply. We can not always promise them at these prices, but if others turn up we will bear in mind that you can use some more of them. The Formosa and Boxer medals are somewhat harder to procure.

Thank you for the information contained in your letter, about the various parties we enquired about. We greatly appreciate your kindness you have always meted out to us in this connection.

Among the lots we are sending you, you will find an interesting silver Kwan Ei Ban sen. The prize medalet of the Nihon Crisuto Kyo Fu Jin Kio Fu Kai, and we are sending you a free translation of the characters inscribed on it. The information about this Society we sent you some time back.

The 20 pieces of Carapace Money is fully dealt with in our Mr. Ramsdon's private letter to you, which we enclose. The two articles by our Mr. Ramsden has also been dealt with by him. The 12 woodblocks and 24 lead types, for the above two articles, require no explanation. We are also sending you in return the 3 Chinese coins you sent our Mr. Ramsden for studying purposes. The remarks concerning these have already been sent on to you by him some time back.

We send you also an Invoice for the 8 specimens of Carapace money, in case you find purchasers for them. Perhaps the A.N.S might wish to buy them or Vreeland and Zerbe, who are both interested in curious kinds of money. We are not anxious to sell these, as we think they can easily be disposed of by our Mr. Ramsden in Europe next summer.

Yours obediently,

Jun Kobayagawa Co.,

per,

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Yokohama, 12th April, 1911.

Howland Wood Esq.,
93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Without any of yours to refer to, we now beg to advise that we have requested the Quaker Stamp Co., of Toledo, Ohio, to send to you the following:-

48 copies of our Japanese Revenue Catalogue, and
20 id of our Vade Mecums.

The above catalogues are a remainder and in case you think you can find a purchaser, then sell them at say, 10 cents per copy. They were originally published and sold at 50 cents, but as this is an odd remaining lot, we can afford to almost give them away.

As regards the Vade Mecums, they might do to give away to any of your friends.

We enclose copy of correspondence with Mr. Zerbe regarding our account with him. These letters speak for themselves. The tone and positive assertions of Mr. Zerbe's letter obliged us to answer him in the same strain. We do not know why he preferred us to arrange this matter without your mediation. Please return us this correspondence when perused, as they belong to our file.

We have just heard from Mr. F.T.Kieffer that he had sent you two items from our Invice to him of 14th Feb., to wit:-
551 K, value $ 2.50 and # 617 K., value $ 6.00, in all $ 8.50.
For the remaining lots retained by him, he has remitted to us direct.

Mail after mail passes without any news of Mr. Reilly. Have you heard from him lately ?.

We will leave this cover open until the 19th, on which day the mail leaves for your country, in case we have to add anything else,.

Yours obediently,
Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
per,

5.- Two pieces with most primitive Chinese ideographic characters scratched on bone, in a box, with description..$10.00

6.- Three Commemorative Medals in bronze issued by the Imperial Mint at Osaka, as follows:-
1. Emperor's Silver Wedding,
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3. Russo-Japan War. The collection of 3, not to be divided up..With Translation of inscriptions.....$ 3.00-

If a limit price is to be fixed for the auction, it must not be below FIFTEEN per cent of above.

7.- A collection of three different varieties of the Ho Yei Chogin, composed as follows:- sold [illegible] 7CH[illegible]
No. 343, $ 4.00, No. 344, $ 4.00 and No. 348, $ 4.50,
but if the entire collection, it can be sold at ......$ 12.00

If a limit price is to be fixed for the auction, it must not be below TWENTY per cent of above price.

8.- Any other coins that Mr. Wood may have in his possession for our account, at the prices stipulated. If limits are to be fixed for auctions, then TWENTY per cent off same may be deducted.

The following may or may not be sent to Mr. Wood from
Prof. S. Culin,
Department of Ethnology,
Museum of the Brooklyn Institute
BROOKLYN. N. Y. of Arts & Sciences,
Eastern Parkway.

9. A collection of three ancient Chinese Bronze bells, perfect specimens, in box, the three...........$ 60.00
TWENTY per cent discount for limit at auction sale.

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10.- Three Japanese Cho gin, as follows:- Total $ 8.25
No. 292- Tempo Chogin, $ 2.50,
322 Ansei Cho gin, $ 2.25, and
346, Ho Yei Cho gin, $ 3.50.

No deductions whatever to be made from these, even for auction purposes.

Confidential.

The party below mentioned has written to us for some coins on approval. We have every reason to believe that he is of the first water, but as he specially mentioned you, may we trouble you to confirm our opinion about him. Thanks in anticipation.

Wayte Raymond, South Norwalk, Conn.

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1342	Do Do Good	3.25	
1347	[illegible] - Fine	1.50	
3-14	Do Do Good	1.10	
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From the attached Invoice, certain items will perhaps be sent to you by Mr. Wayte Raymond. We have allowed him ten days to retain the goods required by him. We have requested him to be very careful on packing the goods sent on to you.

For settlement, he will remit direct to us.

Yokohama, 18th April, 1911.

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Ansd

Yokohama, 15th May, 1911.

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Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt and thank you for your favour of April 19th, which we now answer.

We extracted remittance by Money Order for $ 16.32, net balance after deductions, which we have found correct. We thank you for the various payments therein mentioned.

We thank you also for the promised efforts in connection with the badges and other medals we sent you for sale for our account. We think, like you, that it is better on certain oacasions not to show too much desire to dispose of such goods. If pressed, their value is lowered and often does more harm than otherwise.

We think you ought to continue the propaganda of foreign coins, notwithstanding the desire in your country for only matter relating to U.S.coins. Our Mr. Ramsden has had a hard and up hill fight to introduce abroad Far Eastern coins, but we are satisfied with our progress. We are now trying to interest Europe in this branch of Numismatics. It is discouraging to fight against narrow mindedness, but this is our lot and we have both perseverance and patience. As regards your suggestion of cheap collections mounted on card boards and attributed, you will see that we have exploited already this means of advertising, as per enclosed sheet. We can not make this more attractive than it is, and we have printed these lists in some four languages, so that you see we were well aware of this manner of advertising.

As regards the rebate of our adv. of the "Numismatist", with Mr. Zerbe, we have already written on the subject and have nothing further to say on the matter.

We are now busy preparing the large collection of ancient Chinese

Coins which we bought at Peking. It is impossible for you or even for us to do any propaganda before the arrival of the collection itself. We are going to prepare it in such a mannner, with Catalogue, uchigata book, etc., that you yourself even will be surprised. The collection will speak for itself, so please do not try to do much before it arrives.

We are not in a hurry to sell it, otherwise we would have seen other parties in Europe. If therefore it is not sold in your country at the time we send it over there, our Mr. Ramsden, when he goes to Europe in the summer of next year, will take the matter in hand, but in the meantime we do not intend to do anything with it. It is a Museum lot, and, if in Europe he does not find a purchaser for the entire collection, it might then be broken up and sold to Museums, but we do not care to break it up in your country, where the customers are not so appreciative or numerous as in Europe. Museum people, when they buy, give good prices. We are already in communication with several Museums in Europe, including the British Museum and the Imperial Hermitage Museum at St. Petersburg, to submit coins for their examination when our Mr. Ramsden goes to Europe. This we inform you so that you will not be dissappointed if you can not find a quick purchaser in your country, on the contrary, we would prefer that you would not advertise it and offer it to many parties. We are not anxious to sell and therefore it would be a shame to let the collection be too known and appear as if it went a begging. That the Eaton collection has not been sold, is not surprising. The collection itself we are inclined to believe is of not such great value and his guarantee of their genuineness is probably on a par and that no one has nibbled so far shows common sense on the part of many in your country.

We are sorry to hear that it is possible that you will not attend the Convention at Chicago this year. In case you do not go yourself, our colletion could be entrusted to Mr. Brand, who perhaps would buy it himself, but we think there would be a beter chance if you were over there yourself to explain it to him. Anyhow, time will show us what to do in this connection.

We thought we had sent you duplicate Invoices of goods received from Frank T.Kieffer, re:Invoices of March 9th and 14th Feb. As we see that you have the prices correct, it has not mattered very much. We think copy of the Invoice for March 9th was duly sent on to you, but perhaps not so with the one for 14th Feb., as we see that we have copy of it in our files, which we now send you. Please return the rough drawings which accompanies this Invoice, when no longer required.

We are sending you by this ame mail the numbers of the Yokohama Hosen Kai books which you are wanting in. We are also sending Mr. Reilly his copies, which may we request of you to give him when opportunity arises. He will have before this have returned to Salem, as he was away in Florida during the entire winter. We are also sending you — 5 extra copies of the Convention double number, — in case you find other purchasers for them. The price is stated in the Invoice which we attach herewith.

We are trying to increase interest abroad in Far Eastern coins and hence our propaganda of the Yokohama Numismatic Society. Perhaps this will be a good way of getting new collectors. Everything adds to our efforts in this direction.

Our Mr. Ramsden will try and write to you privately this evening, but can not promise that his letter will go by this mail. He is now very busy with other matters, so that his spare time is very limited.

Has no one in your country thought of holding an International Numismatic Congress in connection with the exhibition at San Francisco in 1915, in commemoration of the opening of the Panama Canal? Perhaps there are no real collectors in that part of the country, which perhaps is the case, if they are all like Dr. Fassler.

We have received a letter from John P. Helldorper re Corean gold issues. These are now getting scarcer and we have only two left which we are not selling at bargain prices, as we did the others. The Japanese themselves have been at us for them, but we do not intend to let them go so cheaply. Thanks for having mentioned our name to this party, to whom we are writing today in this connection.

Please hold all coins you have for us over there until further notice. Most, if not all of them, will come in useful for our Mr. Ramsden next summer in Europe. We will let you know exactly about this in due course.

We have written to Thos. I. Elder to remit to you....$ 2.86, which please add to our credit when received. We have done this as he has so far failed to settle our Invoice of Feb. 3rd, for this amount.

We are in treaty for two other medals like the ones we sent you some time back, but they have no ribbons. Can you make any use of these without ribbons ?. Please let us know about this.

Without anything further in this letter, we remain,

yours obediently,

Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
per,

Yokohama, 15th May, 1911.

My dear Wood:-

I was glad to receive, the day before yesterday, your letter of April 19th, as some time had elapsed since I last heard from you. I rarely myself like to leave a letter unanswered too long, if I can get sufficient time to answer it, hence my writing to you in answer so quickly.—

I think I told you that Reilly has been spending the entire winter off the coast of Florida, in a friend's yacht, so that it was no wonder we did not hear from him during all this time. He was to return by the 10th of this month to Salem, so that no doubt you will ere this have had direct news from him.

In my business letter, I think I have explained all about that big collection of Chinese ancient coins which we are preparing to send over there to you for sale- The key note was: do not offer it to everyone, as if it was some ordinary affair, that we wanted to get rid off. On the contrary, not in a life time, perhaps, will a collection of such magnitude and importance be offered for sale. The B. M. collection has less than 150 specimens of the ancient Chinese coins, of which I can recognise some 15 to 20 as imitations - for which lot they paid a big price. The present collection, all of which are genuine, comprises more than 500 specimens, many series of which are not even represented in the B. M. lot. This will give an idea of what this collection is. I received a few days ago a letter from Grueber, the Keeper of coins at the British Museum, which, after saying that he would be pleased to examine any coins I would personally wish to submit when I went to England next year, he concludes his letter by saying " I still believe that the collection of Chinese coins in the B.M is the largest in existence" !!!

This collection which I am sending, is too big an affair to be offered to every Tom Dick or Harry- It can only be offered to someone who will appreciate that it is a collection over *three* times the size of the "largest collection in existence"!

Brand, if the A.N.S. did not require it, would probably be the next party to be approached- but this can only be done when the collection is there to be shown at the same time as the offer. If Reilly saw it, I think he would also like to bid for it, as, from what I can judge, if he acquired the entire lot, he would not even have 50 duplicates! Anyhow, I am of the opinion that nothing can, or ought to be done, until the collection itself reaches you. When you see it, you can then best decide what is to be done - if sent to the Convention for exhibition, who it can be offered to, etc.

That no one has even nibbled at the Eaton lot is not to be wondered at. Probably his collection can not even be compared with the B.M. lot - and how many imitations does it include? He can give no guarantee about it, and even if he did, it would be valueless and to even speak in the same breath of his collection with the one we are sending, is almost like sacrilege. I am not in the habit of boasting or exaggerating, but after you have examined this collection, then I would like your opinion.-

I am glad that you agree with me that it is a good thing to write all I can for numismatic publications, not only because it puts my name on record for posterity, but also it advances the knowledge and science of this particular branch of numismatics, about which few have yet qualified to write authoritatively about. It has always been my intention to dedicate the last years of my life writing up and giving out all that I have been able to learn about this subject. I am afraid it is very little, anyhow, but I console myself by asking - "does any one else know more or even as much"?

I think you will applaud my resolution to publish a series of elementary handbooks on the Numismatics of the Far East. When these are completed, I will then take up, - if I am living at the time, - a second series of more advanced conception, a really scientific work, and I thought that these elementary series would be a good training and practice for the ultimate works.

My work on the "Corean Coin Charms & Amulets" was the first of a series which might be reckoned as a Catalogue of those pieces in my own collection. In about a month I will have a second one ready on "Siamese Porcelain and other tokens" and about the end of the year I hope to have finished a third one on "Buddhistic Pierced Coin Charms & Amulets". My collection is so enormous and important, that a Catalogue of same would include hundreds of pieces never before published. If I waited to make up a big work so as to include all coins at once, I might die before its termination or I might get sick of it before I finished it, so I decided to make it in a series of short books, so that, if I died tomorrow, some, even, would at least have been finished and of some use. What do you think about this?

I was afraid that Higgins' venture would not be a financial success. As I am in the business myself, I know how hard it is to achieve success, even with unlimited capital. Again, with all due respects to friend Higgins, whom I admire and think greatly of, I do not consider him of sufficient constancy and perseverance to keep up such an undertaking of this sort, and it requires all this and a great deal more, to stick to an enterprise of this kind.

I sent Higgins, about the end of last year, some material and a woodblock to serve for a most interesting semi-numismatic article, but I have heard nothing from him about it. In case he has no use for it, you might ask him for it and see what you can do yourself, as it is a pity to let such good material be wasted if he has no inclination or time to follow it up. I have despaired of ever having regular correspondence with him and I know that I am the loser - but is he constant in most things? Your remark that he has "almost stopped letter writing" is perhaps too optimistic - was not the word "almost" out of place in conveying the real state of affairs?

As soon as the first copy of "Chinese Paper Money" is out, I will send it on to you, so that it can be reviewed both in the "Numismatist" and the "A. J. of N". I am very anxious to hear what you have to say about it.

I am now well in hand with the 2nd book of this series on "Chinese Primitive Bater Currency and Early uninscribed Token Money", but I would like one thing from you. In case my article for the A. J. of Numismatics on the "Carapace Money" is not published soon, could you send me a photo, or even the pieces themselves, if they are no longer required for illustrative purposes, so that I can include them in the above work now in course of preparation?

I shall be glad to receive the promised coins for exhibition at the Yok. Kosen Kai meetings and inclusion in the monthly books. I wonder if you could get for us any new members and for which purpose we send you several printed leafs? If it comes naturally, then please do so, but do not force it.

My article in the "Numismatist" re Chinese Modern copper

Coins is certainly taking its time to appear - but perhaps it was too long, although the subject could hardly have been treated in a shorter manner. In future, I think I will have to undertake myself long articles and only contribute short matter for the Numismatic publications - What do you think?

Mrs. Yagima and the "Kyo fu Kai" are having a great time in Tokyo trying to prevent the issuing of new licenses for the Yoshiwara which was burnt down some short while back, and which you refer to in your letter. The "quarters" may be moved outside the city, but I doubt if they will be done away with alltogether.

I got such a nice letter from Mr. Robinson a few days ago and I was so pleased that he appreciated my efforts in trying to help him by giving suggestions as regards his requirements for a representative collection of the ancient Chinese Coins. He tells me that he has shown these letters to you, for which I am also glad. Although perhaps they do not teach you much which you did not know before, you will be able to appreciate by them my enthusiasm for such talk. I am sorry that we have not been able to get him more suitable specimens up to the present, but the ancient Chinese coins seem to get scarcer every day and I am afraid that soon they will become less and less until there will not be enough to go round.

Thanks for the uchigata of the large Kwan Ei medal piece. I am afraid I can give no opinion until I can see the actual specimen itself, as I can not judge by uchigata alone, which, I might say "en passant" does not seem to satisfy me in the least. It reminds me of a series of coins, made in an enlarged scale, of the Jiu-ni Zene of this country, as well as some Sendai and other provincial pieces, about the size of your piece, for the special delectation of the Russian prisoners of war, who were ardent coin collectors, made, I believe by Washida, of Tokyo. (The old man, not the present dealer, who is his son).

It is hard to say anything about these pieces without first having seen them - but the uchigata you sent me, although unprepossessing, is not sufficient to judge by. Of course current or well known issues, one can judge more or less from uchigatas, but the case is different otherwise.

We have had a complete set of the Kwan Ei Ban Sen offered to us. At first sight I thought they were genuine, but after careful examination I am inclined to believe that they are imitation, although perfect in their way. Even as imitations, so well made as the present, are hard to get, and even expensive, in proportion. I remembered your wish for a set of these, even imitations, but I did not decide anything until I could hear from you. The price asked was $ 30.00 or Yen 60.00, that is to say less than $ 2.00 for each piece, a price which I do not consider high, specially when it is considered that the set is complete. They are not recent imitations and would pass as genuine, unless to a high expert. They certainly deceived me the first time, which will show you how well they are made. I will wait, therefore, before deciding anything, until I hear from you in this respect.

We are returning you the Kwan Ei you sent with information, according to our opinion, written on the cover itself. The uchigatas of this and the large medal Kwan Ei will be kept to be added to your book when returned by you -

And enough for this letter,

Yours sincerely

H. A. Ramsden

May 20,1911

Jun Kobayagawa Co.

Yokohama Japan,

Gentlemen-

I am herewith sending you a money order for $12.12 to pay for the following -

Invoice to H.Wood April 10	3.40	
" " H.E.Morey " "	1.42	
Balance of Higgins account on his invoice of Aug.17,1910	7.30	12.12

Please note that your invoice to H.E.Morey called for $1.62 but if you will add this up you will note that this should be $1.42

Higgins has at last settled his account and this invoice is closed up except for the few coins that I am holding.

I was very much pleased with the coins sent to me,the silver Yuan #1 is very interesting as it is a good representation of a very rare type. I was also glad to get the Kiao Chou pieces,I will illustrate these in the Numismatist.I am glad that you sent two sets as I wanted an extra set to give away. The Reform Customs Society medal is also interesting,and I am glad that you sent it on.

As I stated in my personal letter I have sold that collection of war medals,for which I will remit later when I receive the money from the Society.

Yours of the 12th Apr. at hand. The 48 copies of the Rev. Cat and the 20 Vade Mecums have been received from the Quaker Stamp Co. and I will try to dispose of them for you.

I have written Zerbe to send me the balance due you,I have been trying to straighten this up with him for a long time but he has been acting very arbitrary of late-ever since he sold the magazine. Will return the correspondence when I hear from Zerbe.

Have not heard from Wayte Raymond as yet so presume that he has kept the coins,will however drop him a line to find out.

I think that this takes up all business matters.

Very truly.

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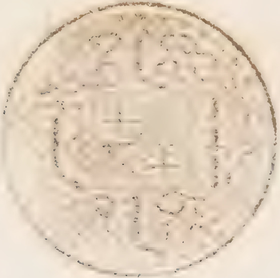

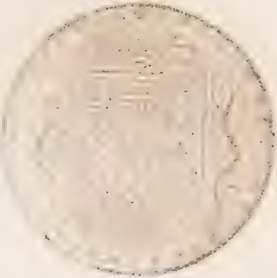

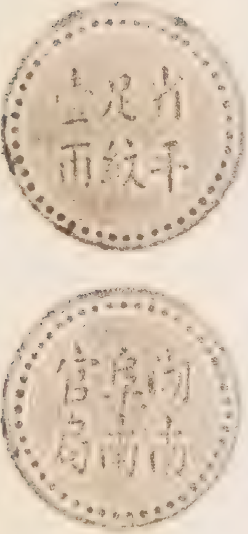

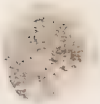
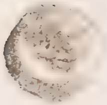
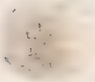

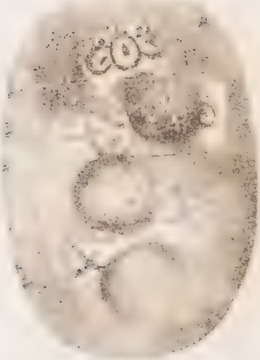

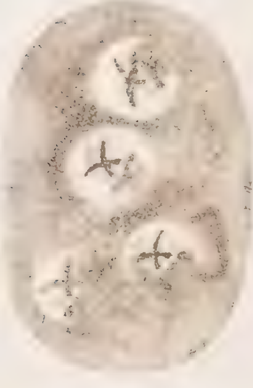

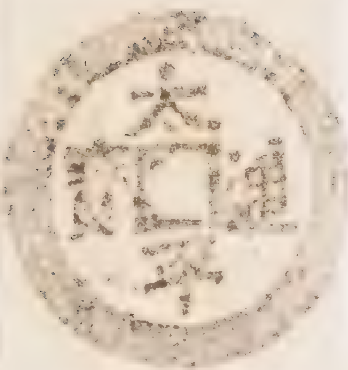
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I am herewith making the following payments to you

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3rd June, 11

The St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co.,
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St. Louis. Mo.

Gentlemen:-

In conformity with your letter of 4/25/11, we have pleasure in advising you that we are this day forwarding you by Parcels Post a small box containing the coins as per enclosed Invoice., amounting to $ 5.12.

We hope that the coins will reach you safely and turn out to your entire satisfaction.

Wewould like to request of you the remittance of the above amount, as soon as the coins are received, to Mr. Howland Wood, 93 Perry Street, Brookline, Mass, to whom we are writing today in this connection.

We regret that we have no flint spears and arrowheads of prehistoric times to offer you at the present moment.

With repeated thanks,

we remain,

yours obediently,

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Yokohama, 5th June, 1911

Virgil M. Brand Esq.,
2530 Elston Avenue,
Chicago. Ill.

Dear Sir:-

We have to acknowledge the receipt and thank you for your favour of 9th March, as well as of remittance by Money Order of $ 55.00 in settlement of our Invoice of March 9th. (Your letter was probably wrongly dated, perhaps it ought to have been 9th May.)

We can give you for the present no further additional information about the two gold coins sent you other than that the thief who broke into the Imperial Museum at Tokyo and stole, among other gold coins, two like the ones we sent you, has been caught, but that the coins themselves have not re-appeared. This ofcourse would add to the rarity of the coins in your possession as these were the only ones known to be in existence. It is thought that the thief melted all the gold coins which he stole on that occasion.

In this connection, we are sending you under separate cover two volumes of the Kin Gin Zu Roku, that extremely rare work, in Japanese, on the gold and silver coins of this country. The work itself is very old and very hard to procure , not only in a complete condition (of seven volumes) but also separate volumes are rarely met with. We enclose pro-forma Invoice of same. In these two books you will find illustrated the gold coins above referred to.

In case you do not require these two volumes, may we request of you to send them to Mr. A.R. Frey, of 36 A Hampton Place, Brooklyn, N.Y. instead of returning them to us here. We have offered these to Mr. Frey in the event of your not retaining them yourself.

Our Mr. Ramsden is intending sending to the Chicago A.N.A. Convention this summer a most important collection of the ancient Chinese money, all B.C., and not a single circular piece among them. We think he will be in time, in which case they will be sent through Mr. Howland Wood of Brookline, Mass. Mr. Wood will therefore be better able to decide when the time approaches and we have requested him to attend to this matter for us and he will no doubt consult with you when the moment arrives. This is probably the biggest collection but one in the world, the largest perhaps being the one belonging to our Mr. Ramsden. It is certainly the largest abroad, and its importance and magnitude will be better understood when it is known that it comprises over 500 specimens of the ancient and primitive money of the Chinese, at least three times larger than the British Museum collection which is supposed to be "the largest in existence". They will all be mounted on boards classified and arranged with descriptive illustrated catalogue and text, expressly for exhibition purposes, unsurpassed in educational value and interest. But when the time arrives, no doubt Mr. Wood will place himself in communication with you.

A gold "Oban" passed through our hands last month and it was immediately snatched up by Mr. Lockwood, of Buffalo, N.Y., who happened to be on the spot when we acquired it. It was one of the rare series, much larger than the one we sent you and consequently with more actual weight of gold. It sold for $ 150.00. If it had not been disposed so quickly, we would have sent it on to you, as we had you in mind at time of purchase. We mention the above to show you that we have not forgotten your wishes for us to be on the qui vive for any of the older Japanese gold coins that may turn up.

With repeated thanks, we beg to remain,

yours obediently,

Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
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93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

We have waited until today to write to you in case any communication arrived by this morning's steamer which arrived fromyourcountry, but as we received none, we have delayed no longer in sending off this letter.

We enclose press copy of a letter to the St. Louis Stamps & Coin Co., regarding...$ 5.12, which speaks for itself. May we request of you, in case you do not hear from them soon after the receipt of this letter, to please send them a post-card reminding them of this amount to be paid, as otherwise we are afraid they will take a long time in settling. -

We also enclose press copy of a letter to Mr. Brand, of Chicago, so that you may be aware of what we have said regarding the collection of ancient Chinese coins which we are preparing to send to you before the end of this month. You will notice that we have not committed ourselves to anything, leaving the matter to your entire discretion.

We have received a letter from Mr. Frey telling us to send to him direct any of our Mr. Ramsden's contributions to the "Numismatist". We will therefore do so in future, but we are not so certain that the same pains will be taken over correction of proofs as when we send the articles through yourgoodself. We hope, nevertheless, that this arrangement will prove satisfactory.

Under separate registered cover we are sending you a copy of our latest monograph on "Chinese Paper Money", dedicated to you by its author, our Mr. Ramsden. We hope you will be able to review it in both the "Numismatist" and the "A.J. of Numismatics" and we will thank you for this courtesy in anticipation.

Under the same cover we are taking the liberty of sending four

other copies, with the following request:-
One to be given to Mr. Langdon Warner, of the Boston Museum of Fine-Arts, who ordered and paid in advance for this copy when he was here last month , and,
Three copies please retain over there, which, if required, we can tell you what to do with after. If in the meantime you find purchasers for these three copies, please dispose of them.

We would like to hear what you have to say about this our latest venture. 200 copies have been printed and as far as orders are concerned we fear that the edition will be soon exhausted, as most of them have already been bespoken.

Our Mr. Ramsden, as soon as he can get the big collection ready and duly sent on to you, which we hope will be within a fortnight, will start off to China. He has several European orders to fill from museums and will have to leave shortly, even if this entails passing the hot summer in the interior of China.

We have only so far picked up for you one Kwan Ei Yessen, wh will be sent on as soon as we have any other things to send on.

We are also writing to Mr. Robinson by this same mail. A few days ago we received a long letter from Mr. Reilly who appears has returned to ~~Saxkmxxxxxx~~. Salem N.J., but not for long, as he informed us he was leaving for Maine in July and that his future residence would be in New York City. Salem, therefore, will probably not be his future address, which we inform you, in case you wish to communicate with him.

Without anything further, we remain,

yours obediently,

Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
per,

Receive from Thos T. Allen
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June 12 1911

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Yokohama, 18th June, 1911.

My dear Wood:-

Your letter of May 20th reached me a short while back and as I am starting for China within a few days, I would like to answer it before my departure.

I will first attend to the various matters in your letter. Thanks for having sold both the lots of medals and I shall certainly be on the look out for other official military medals for you.

It does not matter much that Belden was non-committal about the Ro collection *before* he has seen it. The collection, after nearly three months' heavy work on it, will be sent to you within a day or two, all mounted, classified, with an uchigata book, catalogue etc. arranged in trays, boxes etc, all ready for exhibition purposes, as they are all displayed, assigned, and compared with Lacouperie.

If neither Brand nor Dunham are to be in Chicago during the Convention period, then I most emphatically agree with you that it would be useless to send it there in order to find a purchaser. I think, also like you, that the best plan to effect our purpose would be to exhibit it at the A.N.S. and I think then that there will be no difficulty in disposing. When you have seen it yourself and the way it has been prepared, you will agree with us that it will be hard to resist it. Anyhow, everything is left to your entire discretion and good judgement, but please do not let it go a begging.

Lockharts (three books) was sent to you in due course. You were not forgotten in this instance.

Thanks for news about Higgins, - but why does he concoct such wonderful fairy tales, such as "More curious is the manner in which "the blade dwindled in size and the suspension ring was flattened to "receive an inscription, until in the end as the frog develops from a "tadpole the Chinese "cash" came into existence" in re: his article in the May "Numismatist," with relation to Chinese Knife Money. For all I know, he may have discovered a new knife coin which has hitherto been unknown, and if such is the case, could you get for me a rubbing of his "tadpole" specimen?

Thanks also for having attended so nicely to the article on the "carapace" coins. You did well, in such a case, to read the paper before the Boston N. S.

I see that at last my article on the "Modern Chinese Copper coins" has come to an end and was glad to hear that you were attending to the reprints.

I will make enquiries about the 10, 50 and 100 cash pieces mentioned by the "Blätter für Münzfreunde," as I have never heard of them myself.

I think this answers your private letter. The business letter to my firm will be answered separately.

I am hurriedly leaving for China on the 21st inst. I have just received news from my agent in Ho-nan fu that on account of the prolongation of the railway (ultimately intended to reach Hsian fu) some good things have been dug out, and, as it was here that the "carapace" money was unearthed, I am off like a shot without wasting any time. It will be pretty warm, but it can not be helped. My man in Peking also tells me that a collection of "coin moulds" has just reached there and may be offered for sale, so that I would like to have a good look at it, having the British Museum in view. I shall be away less than 5 weeks, so that I will be back by the end of July and it will make no difference to our correspondence.

This is all, I think, I have to tell you for the present, I remain.

Very truly yours,

H. A. Ramsden

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Correspondence: English, French, Spanish, German, Dutch and Japanese.

Please make all Cheques, Drafts and Money Orders payable to H. A. Ramsden.

Yokohama, 21st June, 1911.

Howland Wood Esq.,
93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

We have to acknowledge the receipt and thank you for your letter of 20th May, advising us that you had sent Money Order for......$ 12.12 which no doubt will arrive in due course.

We have to thank you also for the sale of all the medals and badges which we sent you for this purpose.

Thanks also for promising to attend to the Rev. Cats and Vade mecums which you had received from the Quaker Stamp Co.

We take note what you say about Zerbe and Wayte Raymond, and hope that the former matter will be settled satisfactorily.

We have to advise having sent you yesterday by parcels post, duly registered, ten packages, nine of which contain the Ro collection, about which we have written to you lately and the tenth containing a Catalogue and illustrations of the said collection.

We enclose pro-forma Invoice for same. Ofcourse if you are instrumental in disposing of it, we can allow you 5 per cent commission.

Our Mr. Ramsden starts within half an hour for China.

In haste,

yours obediently,

Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
per,

B. G. JOHNSON, PROPRIETOR.

PREMIUM COIN LIST, 10C.

St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co.

115 NORTH ELEVENTH STREET

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6/30/11.

Mr. Howland Wood,
93 Perry St.,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear sir:--We herewith enclose check for $5.12, payment for shipment from Messrs. Jun Kobayagawa Co. of June 3rd, of which we presume you have been advised, as they requested us to send remittance to you.

Very truly,

34412

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TYPE A.

Gold. 20, 10, 5, 2 YEN

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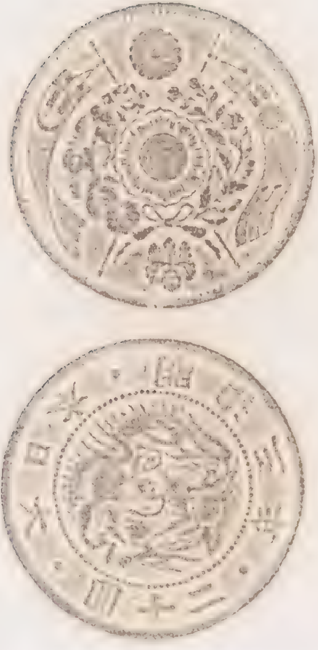
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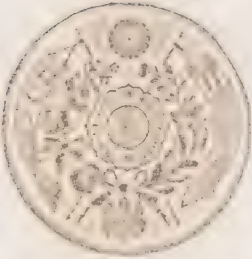

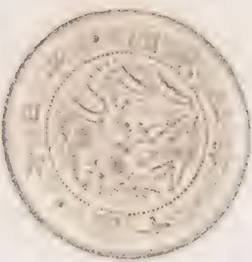

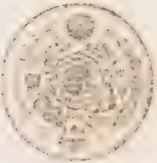

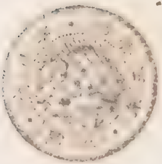

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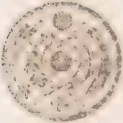
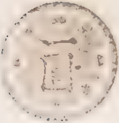
TYPE B.

Gold 1 YEN.





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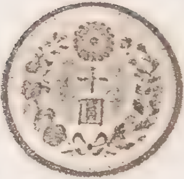
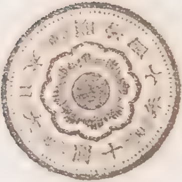
TYPE C.

Gold, 20, 10, 5 YEN.

C.

10 YEN





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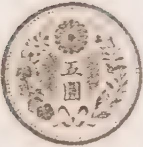

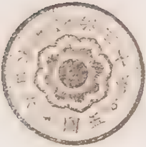

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TYPE II.

Silver. 1 Yen, 50 (2), 20, 10, & 5 Sen.

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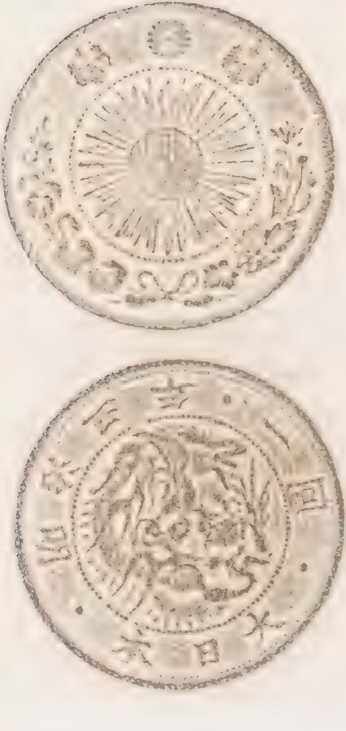
1 YEN



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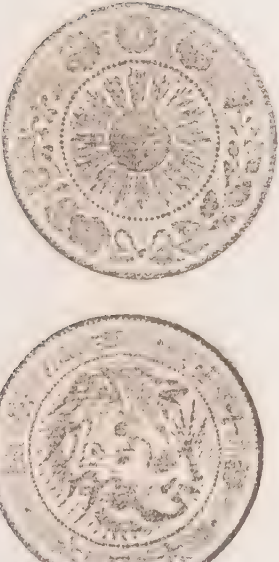

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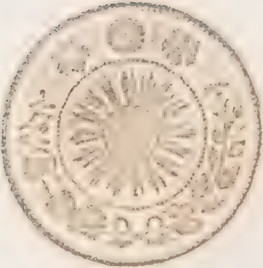

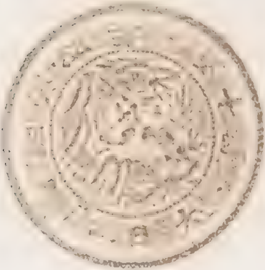

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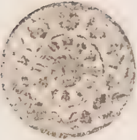

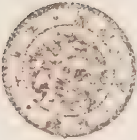

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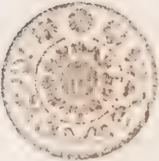

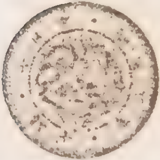

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TYPE E

Silver 5 Sen

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TYPE. F

Silver TRADE DOLLAR

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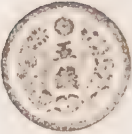
TYPE G.

Silver, 1 Yen, 50, 20, 10, 5 Sen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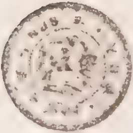

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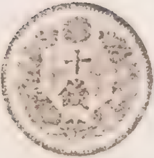

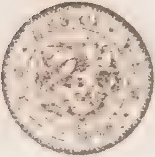

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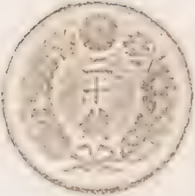

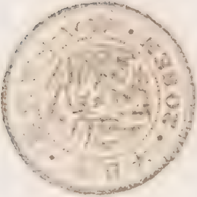

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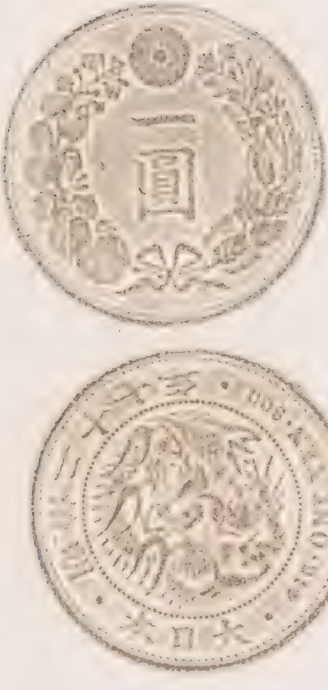

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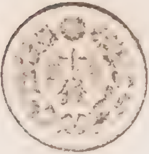
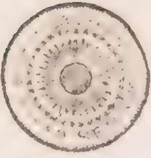
TYPE H.

Silver, 50, 20, 10 Sen

1 H. 10 Sen





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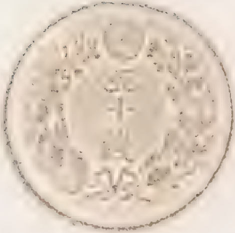

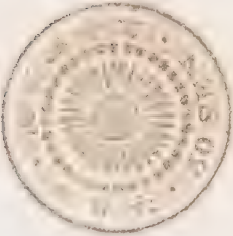

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TYPE I

Nickel 5 Sen

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TYPE J

Nickel 5 Sen

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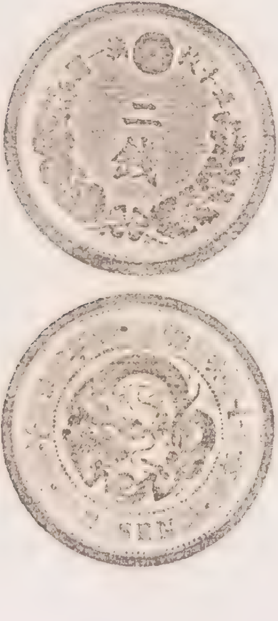
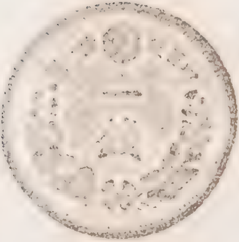
TYPE K.

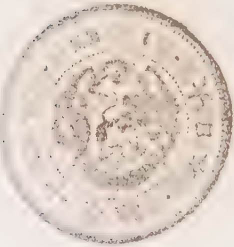
Copper, 2, 1, 1/2 Sen

K. 15—



K. 1 Sen





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TYPE L

Copper 1 rin.

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TYPE M

Bronze 1 Sen

JOHN P. HELLDORFER,
801 S. BOULDIN ST.,
CANTON, BALTO. CO., MD.

Mr. H. A. Ramsden
Yokohama

Dear Sir:

I received your letter and enclosures. Whilst I would not care to buy just yet any of the other curios mentioned in your circular, I wouldn't mind taking a five yang Corean coin, gold, but the price seems very high to me for a $2.50 piece. I wouldn't mind paying $5.00 for it, if you would care to sell it at that figure.

Yours truly

J. P. Helldorfer Ill.
Coins

Recd 7th Aug 1911.
Ans 5 [illegible]

JUN KOBAYAGAWA CO.,

Wholesale Exporters of Japanese Stamps & Coins.

P. O. BOX 214 YOKOHAMA JAPAN.

Wayland Wood Esq

93 Bay Street - Brooklyn [illegible]

Sent 19th July - 11

Sent for Exhibition and auction at A.N.A.-Convention. N.Y. Sept 1911

1.	Collection	of 77 Japanese Medals	$ 30.00	25	Sold
2	— " —	64 Corean Coin Charms	35.00		Paid
3	— " —	32 Ancient Chinese Coins	70.		[illegible] Wood
4	— " —	7 Jap. Ring Money	11.50		for [illegible] of 1911 Wayland
5	~~— " —~~	~~2 pieces Bracelets~~ ~~Primitive Specimen money~~	returned Sept 16 1911		
6	— " —	3 Com. Medals	3.		1.00
7	— " —	3 Old pcs. Chi. Jun[illegible]	12.	—	
					$ 161.00

8 -	Any other coins in Land [illegible] [illegible]	—	—
—	Ancestors — returned Sept 16th 1911		
9	— 3 Ancient Chinese Bronzes —	63.	—
10	— 3 Chi. Jan	5.25	
		68.25	

We can give no further discount from above.

Any lots not approved of may be returned, provided they are sent back by next mail.

No.

H. A. RAMSDEN,
PRESIDENT,

橫濱古泉會用箋

M. FUJITA,
SECRETARY.

Yokohama Numismatic Society.

明治　年　月　日

會長　エッチ、エー、ラムスデン
幹事　藤田己之助

J R Kuper

4 Kit	✓ Curapac [illegible] @	[illegible]	275
919 Kr	✓ [illegible] Magestone	2	200
444	✓ Sonder [illegible]	350	350
1251	Lily [illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
166 Kr	[illegible]	175 ✓	175
Lemon China		[illegible]	
663	✓ Curapace	350	350
		1715	

Also paid
J R bill of May 9.
for 268

Pay to [illegible]
[illegible]
268

pieces sent to Zehe –

(4th Apr 12) a661 Carapace money	3.00
(Kauffman Dec 22)	
601-605 5 Flint arrow heads Col	3.00
606-608 3 Jap navy money Col	1.50
1174 [illegible]	.75
1175	
1176 "	1.50
	2.25
(Vroman Jan 8)	
6808 ✓ Navy [illegible]	2.00
(Albright Raymond Apr 16)	
✓427 ✓ Bead pieces	2.75
812 " "	[illegible]
774 1 Bridge piece	.25
	23.25

Zehe paid
July 21
8 50

Brookline, Mass
July 24th. 1911

Jun Kobayagawa Co.
Yokohama, Japan.

Dear Sirs.-

I am herewith enclosing money order for $47.81 to pay for the following.

Invoice Thos. L. Elder,	2.86
" St. Louis Stamp & Coin Co 6/3/11	5.12
" John Robinson. May 9.11	2.68
" H. Wood May 15.	3.00
" H. Wood June 5	1.50
N. Vreeland Jan 31. to balance in full. 619k @ 2.00 620k @ 1.50 less 10%	3.15
F. T. Keiffer Dec. 27 606 @ 1.25 1176 @ 2.25 less 10 %	3.15
F. T. Keiffer Mar. 9 $3.50 less 10%	3.15
" N. Vreeland Dec. 27 1166 @ 1.50 less 10 %	1.35
" H. Wood April 10. 659 @ 2.75 , 661 @ [illegible] , 662 @ 2.75, 663 @ 3.00, 664 @ 4.00, 665 [illegible] less 10%	10.65
" Wayte Raymond Apr 18 573k @ 1.50, 566k @ 1.75 1240 @ 3.00 , 549k @ 2.75 less 5%	8.55
	51.16
Credit Advt in Numismatist for Apr. May June 6.25 Less rebate paid by Zerbe 2.90	3.35
	47.81

As you will note by the above both Elder and the St. Louis have paid. I have not as yet received my money from the Society for the medals so cannot close up this account just yet.

I have not heard from F. T. Keiffer in re invoice of Feb 14 so presumably he has kept the whole consignment. I am returning you the drawings as per your request.

The three vols. of Lockhart came to hand and I was very glad to get them but as yet have received no invoice for these so do not know just what to remit to you. Could one of your letters have miscarried. Kindly send me another invoice on this.

I have not written to Mr. Brand as yet in re the Ko collection nor have I heard from him. I will try to write him to day. This collection came to hand in good condition and I will endeavor to sell t this for you.

Mr Frey has sent me your paper on the modern Meiji coins with instructions to illustrate it. I guess that your copy will get the same attention as heretofore as Frey turns over to me all of the oriental matter, he preferred to have papers sent direct to him as a matter of routine, and this is agreeable to me.

I wish to thank you for the copy of the Chinese paper money and I will see that you get reviews of these. You will note that I have paid for these though I still hold two here. If however you disp dispose of any I can send and bill direct. I have delivered Mr Warner his copy.

Bay + Ramsden July

Wayte Raymond invoice Apr 18

573 K (wood)	1.50
566 K (Rob)	1.75
1240 (Rob	3.00
549 K Zerbe	2.75

9.00

.45

8.55

Pd July 24

Pay to Ramsden July

Keiffer invoice Dec 27

006 Zech

1176 "

125
225
3.50
.35
3.15

Less 10%

Paid

July 7

Pay to Ramsden July

Careface invoice to HW apr 10

659 (Rot.)
660 (Wood 2.75
662 (Wood 2.50
663 Rot. 2.75
664 Wood 3.00
665 Wood 4
3.50

10) 18.50
1.85

16.65

Paid July 2d

Pay to Ramsden July
A Vreelands invoice Dec 27
1166 " work

1.50
less 10 15
1.35

Paid
July 2
1901

REMITTER SHOULD KEEP THIS RECEIPT.

Boston, Mass. **359702**

The ADVICE sent to Exchange Office at

Stamp of Issuing Office.	Country of Payment.	Amount in U. S. Money.
BOSTON MASS. JUL 24 1911 H.O.B.	[illegible] (Write above "Greece," or "Italy," etc.)	Dollars. [illegible] Cents. [illegible] IN FOREIGN MONEY.

RECEIPT

FOR

INTERNATIONAL MONEY ORDER.

REÇU D'UN

MANDAT DE POSTE INTERNATIONAL.

Payable at / *Payable à*

(Country / *Pays*)

For the sum of / *Pour la somme de* [illegible]

Remitter should compare amount in order and receipt.

[illegible]

Postmaster.

1911, 190 (Date of issue.)

Payee—*Bénéficiaire.*

[illegible]

No. *Street.*

Town or City—*Ville ou Village*

[illegible]

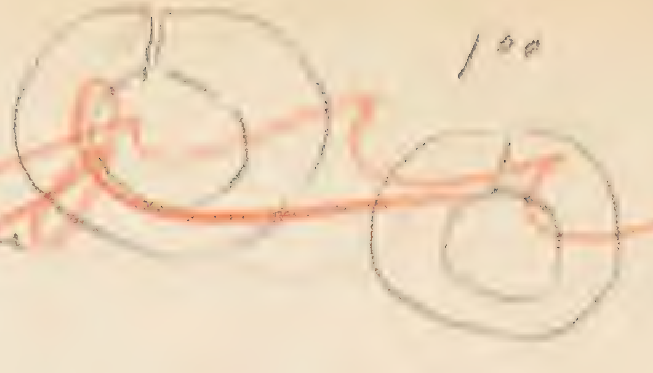
Department, Province, or County / *Département, Province, ou Canton*

Name of Remitter / *Nom de L'Expéditeur* [illegible]

☞ DETACH HERE. THIS RECEIPT IS FOR THE REMITTER, WHO IS TO KEEP IT.

~~604 Jap Ancient Ring money~~ 1.00

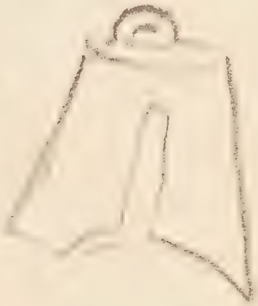
~~605 " smaller~~ 75c



611-[illegible]

5 beautiful Stone arrowheads used as money in Japan all different shapes. Cat 2.00 [illegible]

551 Rare shaped bell piece China



2.50

617 Large bronze arrow head money. 6.00

& Rare

I have 8 of this shaped bell money all partly broken Cat 120 each

these seem to never come perfect.

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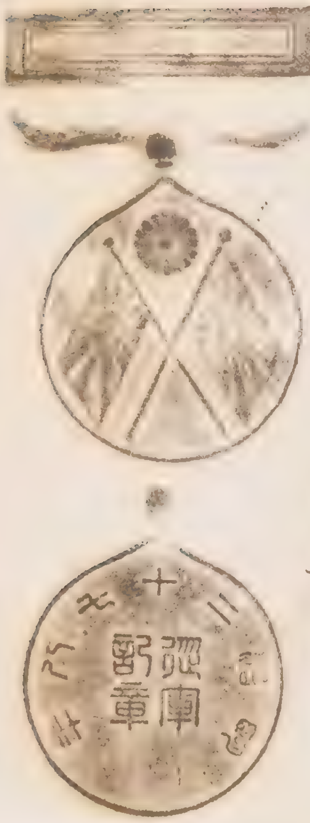
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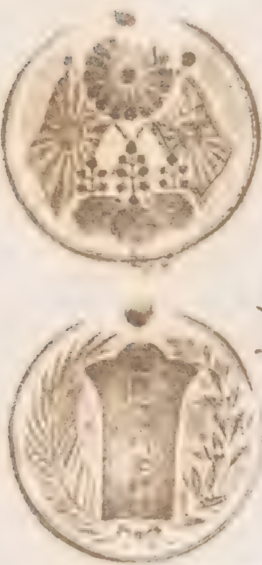

Russo Japan War medal Brass

Written

Yokohama, 31st July, 1911.

Dr. D. T. Wright,
477 Liberty Street,
Schenectady. N. Y.

Dear Sir:

On checking our accounts, we find that you have committed an error in your calculation of the Japanese Revenue stamps retained by you from our Invoice of 14th April, 1911.

The commission we allowed you as discount from our fixed prices was 25 per cent from our marked figures, as clearly stated in both the said Invoice and our covering letter, and not 40 per cent, which you have yourself made up.

You have retained stamps to the value of	$ 16.92
less 25 per cent discount................	4.23
Resulting amount to be remitted..........	$ 12.69
Amount of Money Order already received from you.........	10.16
Still remaining a balance in our favour of...................	$ 2.53

As this is a small amount, in order to avoid you the trouble of getting a Money Order for same, may we please request of you to send the above amount to Mr. Howland Wood, of Brookline, Mass, to whom we are writing on this matter.

Again with best of thanks, we remain,
yours obediently,

Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
per,

JUN KOBAYAGAWA CO.,
Wholesale Exporters of Japanese Stamps & Coins.
P. O. BOX 214 YOKOHAMA JAPAN.

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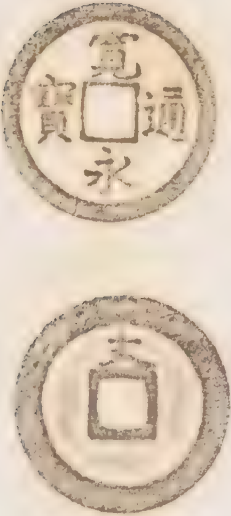

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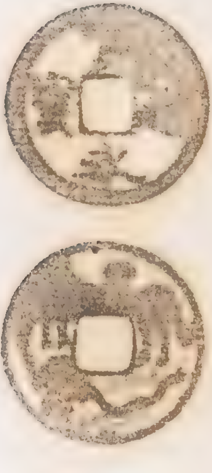

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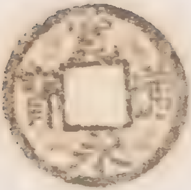

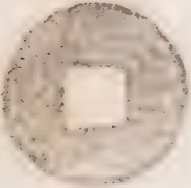

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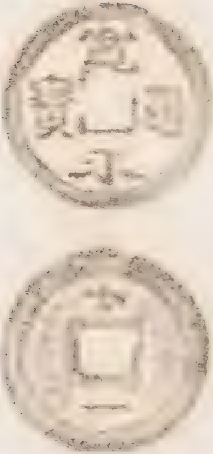

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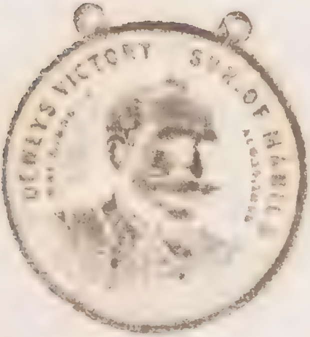
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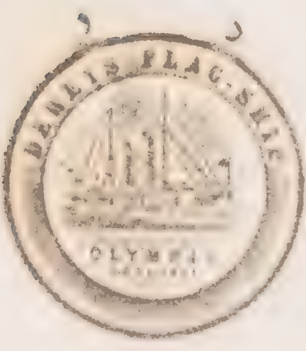
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JUN KOBAYAGAWA CO.,
Wholesale Exporters of Japanese Stamps & Coins.
P. O. BOX 214 YOKOHAMA JAPAN.

V. M. Brand Esq
Chicago Ill.

Sent 8th Aug - 1911

Japanese Gold Coins

#	440 -	Kyo Ho Oban —	$148. —
	441 -	Tempo Oban ——	137. —
	443 -	Tempo 5 ryo Koban	35. —
	452	Koshu 1 ryo Ban	21. —
			$341. —

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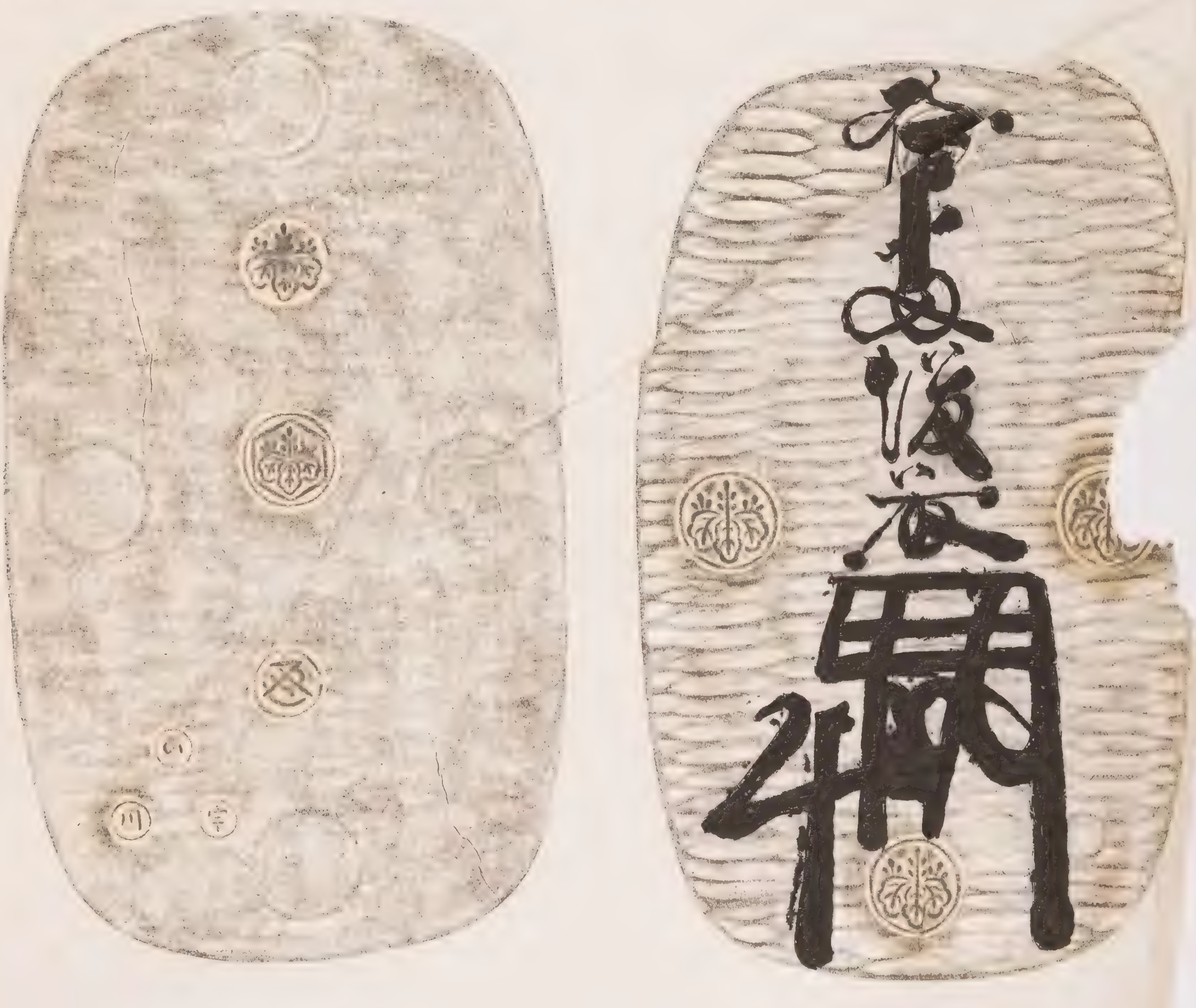
KYO-110, 10 RYO OBAN, -1716

$108.00



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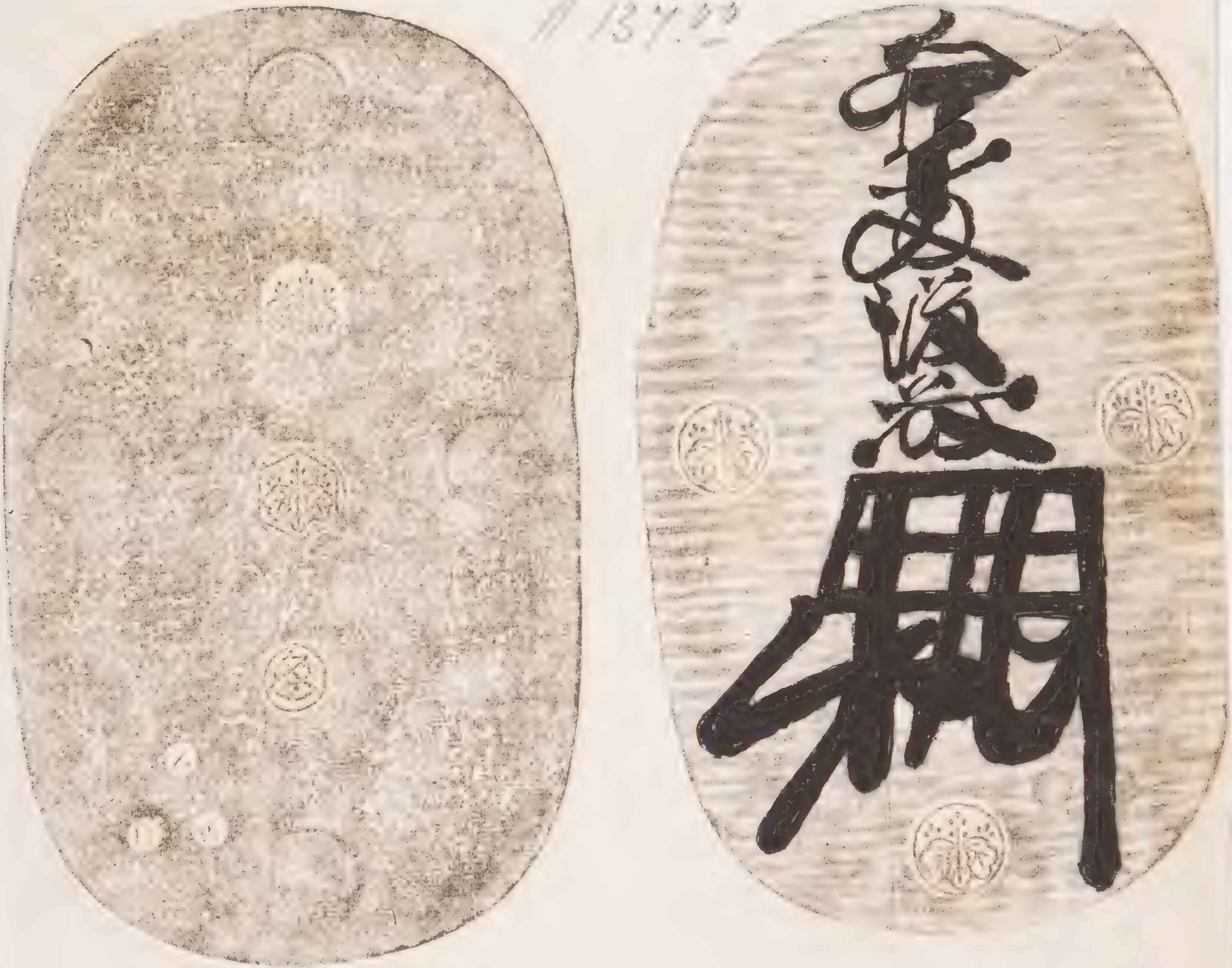

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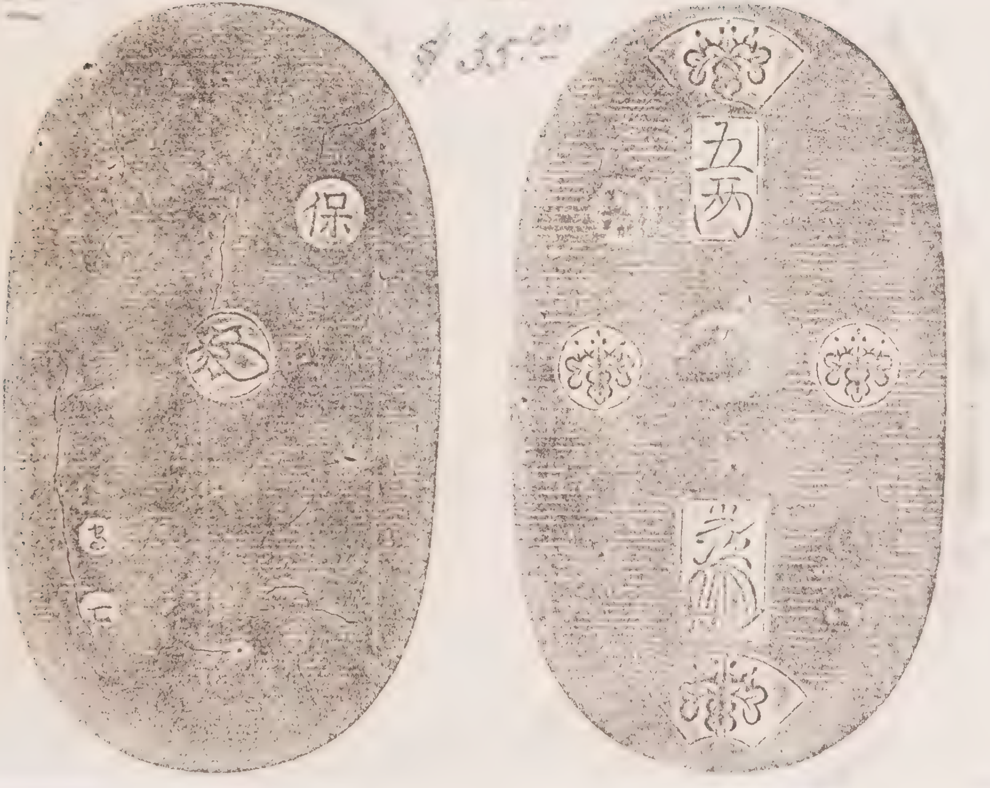

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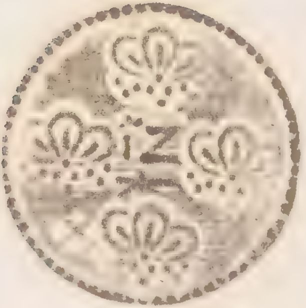

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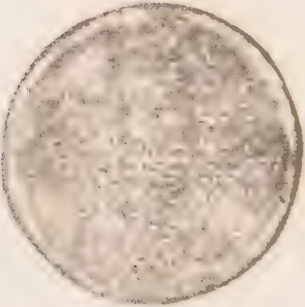

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MEMBER OF THE VIENNA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, AUSTRIA
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Ans.

Yokohama, 8th August, 1911.

Howland Wood Esq.,
93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Your favour of June 6th we received on July 1st, since when we have had no further news from you.

In answer to above letter, we thank you for attending to the coins remaining from Wayte Raymond's Invoice of 18th April, and he has remitted direct to us for those he has kept.

We are glad that Zerbe settled up at last. We have not had a word from him since, but it is not surprising and we hardly expect him to mention the matter any further.

We think that by now you have probably understood our ideas regarding the offering of the Ro collection in your country. No one else could have attended to the matter, and if you had not been there in America, we would never have sent it off. We are anxious to hear what you have to say in this connection, after the arrival of the coins themselves.

Up till now you have been paying for the Yokohama Ko Sen Kai books as they have appeared. We have placed you on the roll of members, as more convenient for all parties concerned. We will also continue sending you the extra book we have been sending you hitherto, as requested, until we hear to the contrary. Robinson has also joined and a few other parties in your country have also applied for membership, the same as in Europe.

We shall be glad to hear from you as soon as the reprints of the "Modern Chinese Copper Coins" is terminated, in order to make up the advertisement for same. We consider, also, that 200 copies will be amply sufficient. Please send us 50 copies as soon as you can. If you have not already heard from [illegible], or [illegible] in England, as to how many copies he wants, it would be well, in order to save time, to write to him about this.

As soon as we receive some copies of this monograph, we will at once write to our booksellers on the continent of Europe, as well as as our customers in that same continent, leaving to you the entire American market. It would be perhaps more convenient if you kept the remainder of the copies there with you, as, it would be more simple to request you to send to any party desiring same in Europe, than sending them first over here and then our sending to Europe. This may perhaps give you a little extra trouble, but on the other hand, we will at least avoid double postage, so hope you will not mind this extra work.

We are glad that our suggestion for an International Numismatic Congress in San Francisco, in connection with the exhibition of 1915, has met with your approval. As far as we know, there is no collector in the Pacific States that could take the initiative and the only solution would undoubtedly be the A.N.A.

We hope you wrote to Elder about the $ 2.86, which he was to pay in to you for our account. We told him to do this as we found it difficult to get him to pay us direct here within any reasonable time.

We are on the look out for ribbons for the two war medals we have recently acquired. We can understand that they are not of such great value if the ribbons are missing. We are also on the look out for the Boxer and Formosa medals, but they seem very hard to get.

The carapace money was received allright in due course of time, although the Custom House always made us pay One Yen duty on them and as our Mr. Ramsden was away, we thought it better to pay than have the trouble of claiming such a small amount, as these coins were sent from here orginally.

Your personal letter to our Mr. Ramsden, undated, was received at about the same time. He will answer it soon, as well as communicate to you many other things he has to write about, but we doubt if it will be in time for this mail, which leaves tomorrow.

We thank you for the promised answer about the "ban" sen (Kwan Ei) and although we have not seen the owner for some time past, we have no doubt that he will leave the offer open a little while longer.

There is nothing more in your above letter to which we have to refer to, and we will proceed with other matters

Elmer S. Sears has written to us about the large gold obans. We have sent him an uchigata of one we can offer him. Can you give us any information about him ?. He mentions your name, but we do not know if this means that he wishes us to send to him on approval. The ordinary coins we can do so, but not so with the large gold obans, where there is little profit. We have been fortunate in being able to purchase from a Japanese collector his collection of gold and silver coins of this country. Some of the gold we are sending to Brand, of Chicago, and one of the pieces we are offering to Sears.

We enclose copy of Invoice and rubbings of the coins we have sent to Brand, as we told him to send on to you those he did not wish to keep. If, therefore, he sends you any, please retain them there until we can write to you on the subject. Several other parties have given us orders for these large oval coins and we doubt if we shall ever be able to satisfy them as every year they are getting more and more scarce.

Our Mr. Ramsden indulged in some digging this time in Ho-nan-fu, in the search of more carapace money. He only found about a dozen more specimens, but no new shapes, although other results were obtained of great importance in solving their origin. Our Mr. Ramsden will write to you about this in a personal letter. In this connection, would you kindly inform us to whom, if to any, have you sold the other carapace specimens that we sent previously, for our guidance in offering in future any specimens of this kind of money. Just the names of the different parties will be sufficient.

We enclose copy of a letter to Dr. Wright, which, as it has reference to some payment to be made to you for our account, we send it along for your perusal. We do not require it returned, as it is a second carbon copy. We hope you will remind him about this in case he overlooks the settlement after a certain time.

We enclose also copy of Invoice of 1st August, with rubbings, sent to Kieffer, in case he sends along to you any pieces he does not want.

May we request of you to return to us:-
1. The two pieces of bone with writing scratched, and
2. The three ancient Chinese bronze bells, as per our Invoice of 10th July 1910, to you, for exhibition purposes. On the Custom House declaration sheets please enter them at nominal amounts, say Yen 2.00 for the bones and Yen 3.00 for the bells, otherwise we would have to pay big duty.

We enclose copy of correspondence with Helldorfer, as it was through you that we got to hear of this party. We have not much use for a person of this kind.

May we request of you to have sent to our Mr. Ramsden the six copies of Vol. XLV, No. 2, for the second quarter, April/June, 1911, of the American Journal of Numismatics, as he has so far only received his membership copy. This number had his article on the Carapace money inserted and no doubt it was overlooked.

We are sending you a few small items by this same mail, as per Invoice enclosed. You will see that we have at last been able to procure for you a "Shimaya Bun Sen", that rare and so much sought after specimen of the Bun Series. This will almost complete your Bun section. The other items call for little mention. The two seals which we believe are Persian, we just picked up for curiosity and added 25 cents to the price, as they may prove of interest to you. If not required, same as any other of the items, please return, but declaring them, in the declaration sheet for Custom House purposes, if sent by parcels post, at a very nominal figure.

Our Mr. Ramsden picked up quite a lot of interesting things in China during this last trip. Among them was a brass coin with arabic inscriptions which, as far as we can make out, appears unpublished. We will send it along to you by next time, and, although we had to pay a fair price for it, we think it is worth it, although we tried to get it as cheap as possible. Some other things of uncommon interest were also met with and we will let you hear about them at some future time, as we have not yet had time to look over the things he brought.

We hope to hear from you soon. You have no doubt refrained from writing to us for such a long time, as you considered that our Mr. Ramsden would not return so soon from China.

Yours obediently,

Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
per,

Copy of post-card sent in answer on 9th August, 1911.

Dear Sir:-

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 15th July and regret that we are unable to accept your counter offer for the obsolete and very rare Corean 5 Yang gold piece.

Having, in the meantime, sold one of these pieces, we have only one remaining, and, in consequence, we must request to be permitted to cancel our previous offer, as we do not intend to dispose of the last piece for less than $ 10.00 U.S.Cy.

Yours obediently,

J.M.Co.

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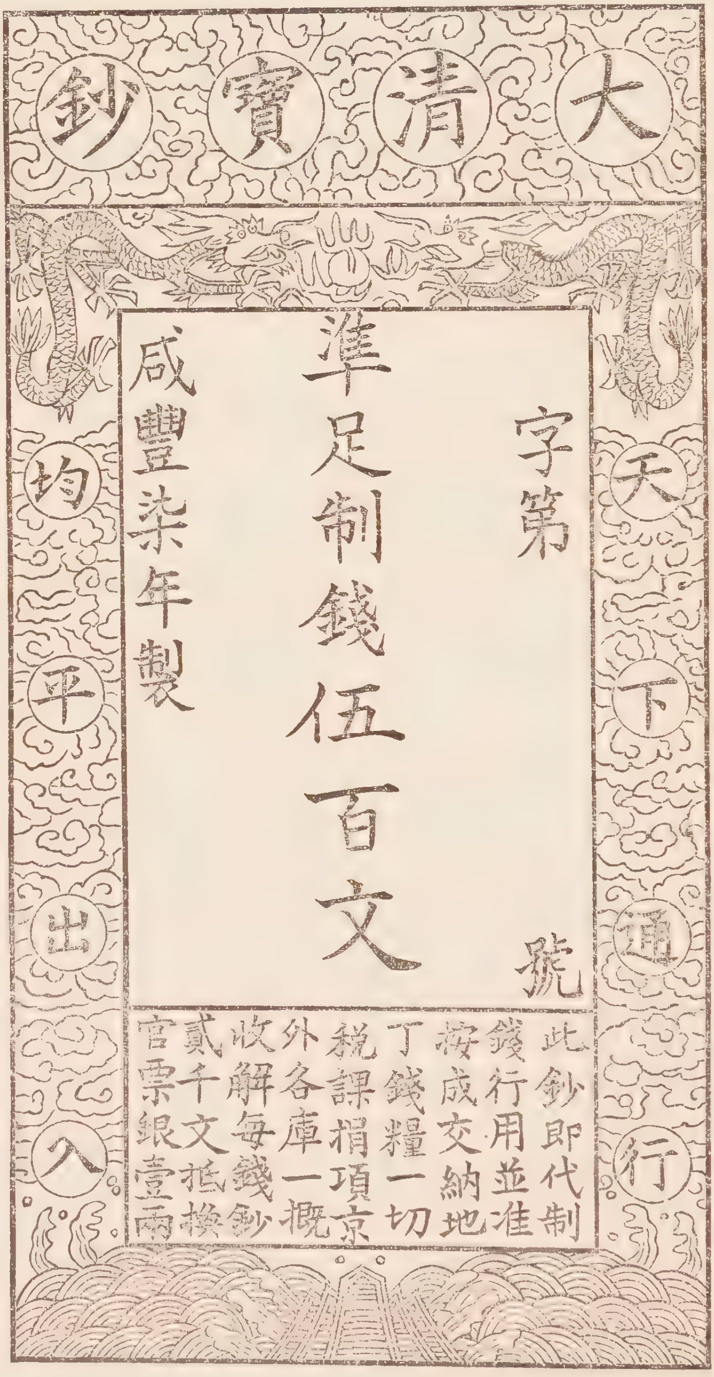

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準足制錢伍百文

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Lists of other Paper Money both from China, and Japan will be sent free if required. We also keep the standard work on this subject, "CHINESE PAPER MONEY", by H. A. Ramsden, F. R. N. S, cloth cover, fully illustrated, price 50 cents or 2 shillings.

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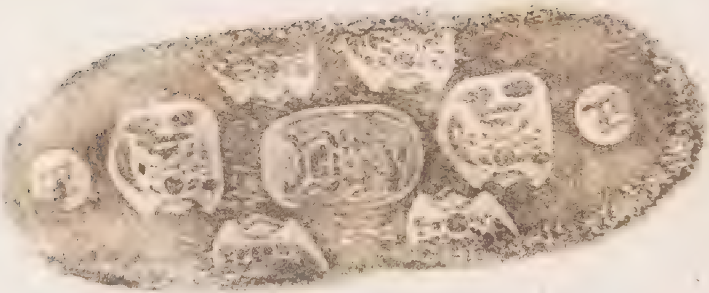

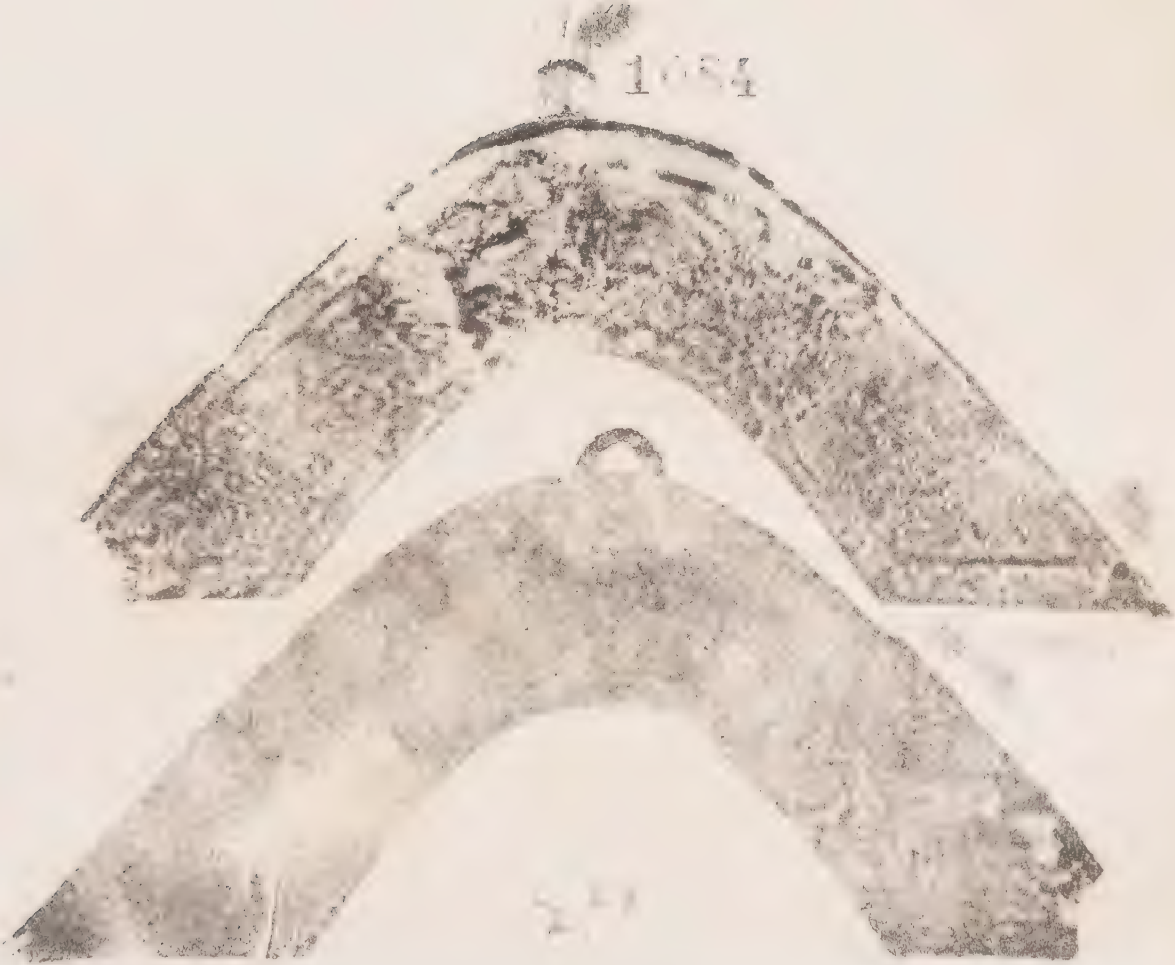
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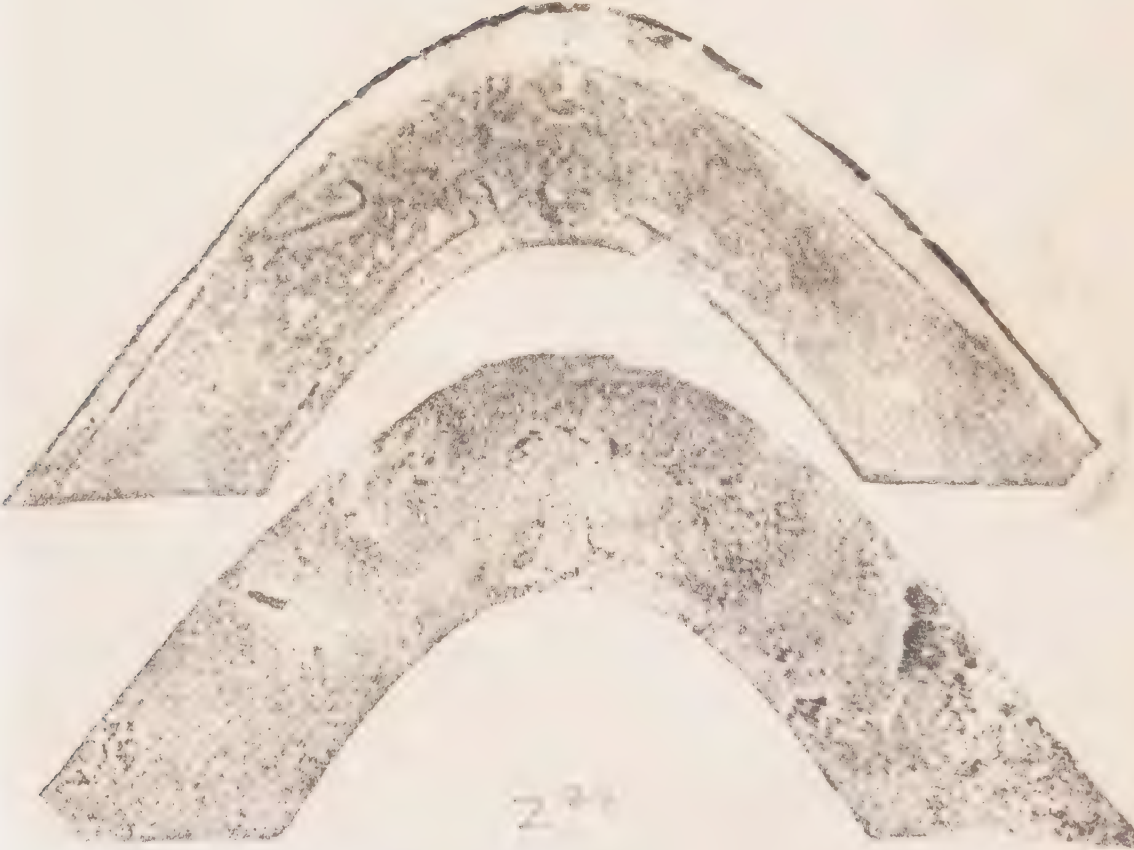

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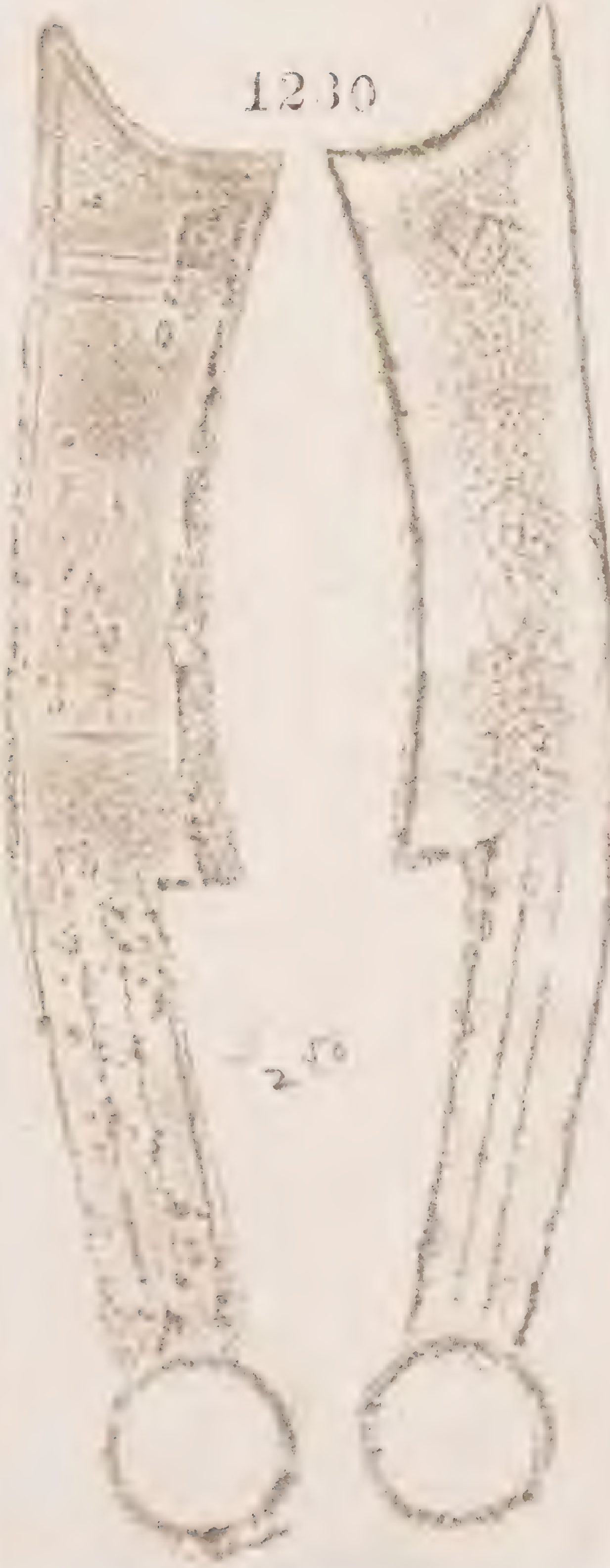

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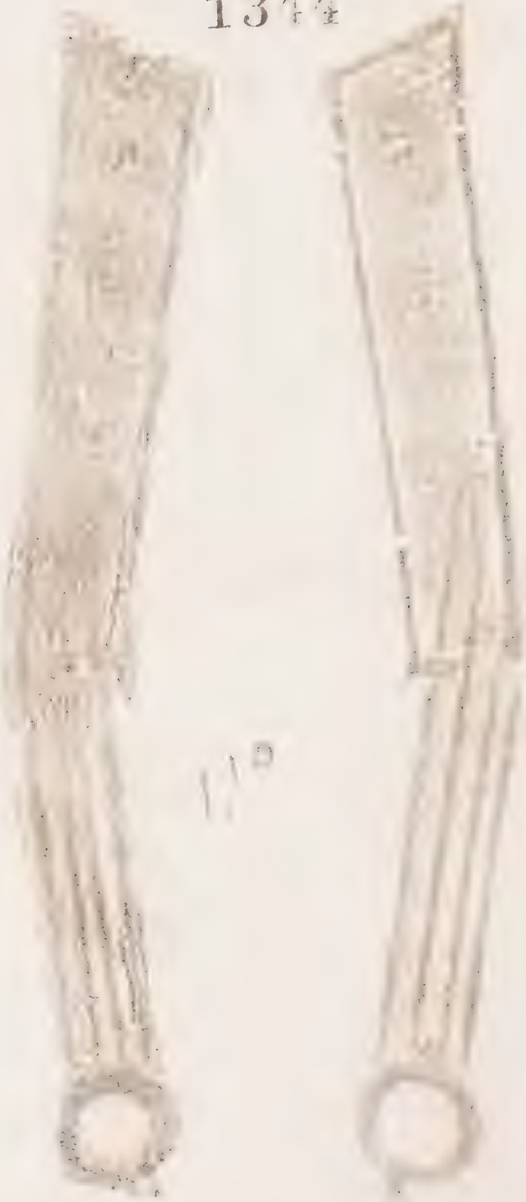

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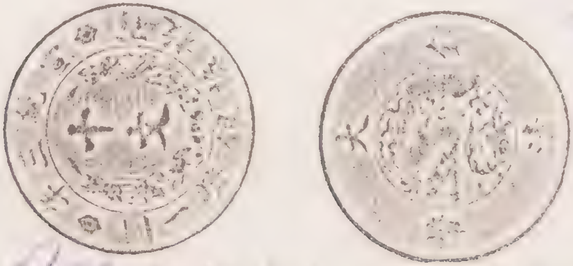

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A. N. A. convention
invoice

~~no —— 2 per box —— @ —— 10.~~
Chopin 305 @ 4,
~~—— 3 bells —— @ —— 60,~~

returned Sept 16 '11
returned Sept 7 '11

on D. C. Higgins invoice
Aug 17

1079		1.80
1092		1.35
1167 a	broken	1.75
1093		2.85

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E. T. Keffer Esq.

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Providence, [illegible]

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Yokohama, 23rd August, 1911.

My dear Wood:-

I have been so busy since my return from China that I have been unable, up till now, to find time to write to you.

On my return I found a letter from you awaiting me, but I can not quote date, as you do not mention any.

In answer thereto, I received the following coins therein mentioned:-

(1) Silver tael of Chang Sha (more about this later)
(2) a recently acquired ½ tael piece (also alluded to later)
(3) Tai ping Wu chang mint (iron)
(4) Japanese pattern (?) and
(5) four base silver Japanese coins.

These are returned by this same mail in same box with other coins.

The first three will be inserted in the Yokohama Ko Sen Kai book, the remainder I did not consider them of sufficient interest to have inserted. As you want my opinion concerning these, here goes.

(1) In China this last time I saw (but could not acquire) a ½ tael piece of this same series and learnt its history. These were issued by a private Chinese firm at Chang-Sha (where the riots took place last year, the capital of Hu nan, about one days journey up the river by steamer from Hankow) to be used by them in payment of Custom House duties. They are now obsolete and hard to get.

(2) This is the first time that I have ever seen a piece of this Series. The modern characters are these "光緒十年吉林機番官局監製 and your translation is pretty near the mark. The last character which you were unable to decypher (製) means "made".

(3.) This is a curious piece and quite interesting. It looks good, but can not tell you for certain if it was ever current.

No. 4 & 5 call for no remarks. They are merely bits of metal stamped with the dies of one of the modern manufacturers of Japanese "fac-simile" (i.e. imitation) coins as you see sold in frames to tourists. They are in consequence of no interest whatever.

We have taken uchigatas of the first three for the purposes mentioned. The entire lot will be returned to you the next time we are sending you something, which will probably be within the next few days.

As regards the earliest book on Chinese numismatics, the following is all I can tell you in answer to your question:—

Perhaps the earliest work on Chinese numismatics may be the Ku-shi Ts'ien pu, (顧氏錢譜) to which a date can be definitively assigned, as it is considered that this treatise was published in the time of the Sui dynasty (A.D. 581-618). This work itself mentions another work, the Liu-shi Ts'ien chi (劉氏錢志) which is necessarily anterior, but as no definite date can be assigned to it, the Ku shi Ts'ien pu would probably best serve your purpose. Various works were published in the T'ang dynasty, (A.D. 618-905). Over a dozen saw light during the Sung Dynasty (A.D. 960-1278) and a great many more during the Ming Dynasty (1368-1628), but those of the present dynasty are not few by any means.

Of the foreign books on Chinese numismatics, I mean those books entirely dedicated to this subject (as various latin & dutch books of earlier date on the Far East make isolated mention of these coins) is perhaps Hager's "Numismatique Chinoise" published in 1805, while Thunberg's "Abhandlung von den Münzsorten im Kaiserthum Japan" in 1784, is the first foreign work I know of on the coins of this country.

I hope the above information will be of service to you. The remainder of this letter will be attended to in our business letter, to which it has reference.

Your private letter of July 23rd, received a few days ago, now calls my attention.

You are indeed fortunate to be able to go cruising & boating: the only recreation that I indulge in is - tramping in the interior of China, which is not always as agreeable as I would desire.

You probably would feel the hot weather, when it did come, more than those who were accustomed to it and had it regularly. It was so hot in Honanfu, where there is no ice or any other cooling material, that I had to return chop chop and was only able to sleep when I got to Hankow, where it was warmer, if this was possible, but could get an electric fan to play on me during the entire night!

I, also, do not expect to hear from Reilly before he returns to New York in the fall. From Higgins, I never expect to hear anymore, since his energies are no longer directed to matters of the Far East.

The Ro collection had arrived. I thought you would have something to say about it when you saw the actual specimens themselves - You are quite right, it is indeed a wonderful array and I doubt if ever before and even after, a better lot will be again offered "en bloc". I did put a great deal of work into it - and this is no mere "figure of speech", since I even did personally the fretwork part of fitting in the coins, as well as writing all the characters, not only on the small papers next to each coin, but also in the uchigata book etc. I was kept three full months at work on this, and I would not lightly again undertake a similar job.

I hope that in your country you will find a party with sufficient knowledge to appreciate its worth and not let the opportunity of acquiring it, slip by. I will leave the matter entirely to you and now that you have the collection with you and which can speak for itself, there is nothing more that I can do over here. Perhaps a little boosting, such as paragraphs and description in the numismatic press of your country, might also be of help, but you know best what is to be done and it could not be in better hands.

I am glad you liked my monograph on "Chinese Paper Money". I am now at work on the second number, but do not expect it to be out much before the end of the year, as I have in the press two other works which have to be finished first. I find that I have created quite a demand in Europe for my productions, which are almost all bespoken before they are out of the press - a condition of affairs with which I am greatly pleased, more from the kudos, than from the financial point of view.

As regards the Kwan Ei Ban Sen, I think you did wrong in not taking them. A few days before your letter arrived, the owner of this set wrote to us that he could give us no further extension of time and I have found since that he has sold them to a man (Japanese) in Kobe at even a much higher price than what we offered them to you at. I am afraid we will have to wait a long while before another opportunity again turns up, and certainly never as cheap, as all the Japanese Sen are increasing in price at an astounding rate due to their getting scarcer every day, the demand increasing almost daily, while the supply is diminishing. I am even sorry now that I did not get them for myself.

Spinks certainly did not make a good job with the Chinese characters which accompanied my communication to the Circular re: Valentine's work on the Muhammadan Coins. Some good while before this book was published, friend Howorth wrote to me asking that I help Valentine in whatever way I could in connection with this venture. I did so immediately, subscribing myself and sending him uchigatas of all the pieces in my collection and offered to help him, - in a similar manner as I do to all collectors - in case I could be of use, specially in translating the Chinese characters. He acknowledged receipt of my letter but did not accept the offer of my services. When his book appeared I had no other course but to correct the mistakes, which were so apparent at first sight to a Sino-numismatist, in the manner I did. I knew all along that the fault lay entirely with him, otherwise I would have acted differently.

Thanks for your explanation re: Higgins fairy tale about the origin of the circular money of China. After you have explained the line of argument brought forward by these "romanciers", I find that there is another flaw in the chain. "The [illegible] Knife was reduced and the ring made larger, flatter in "proportion as in the Kan lan ; Ming Series" etc might be most convincing, but unfortunately both the Kan Tan & Ming Series of knife coins were issued previous to the larger knives. As you truly say, friend Higgins evidently followed a "very current fairy tale"

This finishes your letter, but as I have a great deal more to write to you about, I will leave it until tomorrow evening, as it is now quite late and I would like to get cooled off before I get to bed.

24/Aug. I was away this last time about one month, but within this short space of time managed to visit Cheefu, Tientsin, Peking, Chang Te fu, Honanfu, Chou Ma Tien, Hankow, Nanking and Shanghai - not a bad "tournée" on the whole. I would have been away longer, only it was much too warm. At Honanfu, for instance, I could not endure more than 4 days - While on the journey one can sleep out in the open air under some tree, but as I had work to do and little time to do it in, I perforce had to lodge (sic) at a Chinese inn (of course there are no foreign hostelries). It was impossible to sleep in any of the so-called rooms - not only on account of the heat, but more so on account of the attention paid by the millions of animals, bugs, mosquitoes, fleas and hundreds of other insects and reptiles unknown to foreigners or abroad, either by name or in being. This meant to say sleeping outside in the compound with the larger, if less objectionable animals, camels, horses, donkeys, mules and mafoos (i.e. muleteers, which I must also class in the same category). Of course after 2.a.m, there was no more sleep possible, as this is the hour for starting of the caravans, parties and expeditions going &

coming from the interior. At Seven o'clock the flies, stench and other objectionable surroundings made you get up without having been able to sleep a wink!- How do you like the picture? and you will not wonder why I hurried back to home and cleanliness!

Although I found no great rarities, my time was not wasted, as I managed to pick up a few desirable things, and, what is as important, quite a great deal of useful information and experience.

A Hu Peh tael came into my hands and has been sent off to Reilly as he gave me an order for one when he was in this country. Your order for one also has not been forgotten, I have entrusted my agent at Hankow to be on the look out for another one for me and the next one will be for you.

On the other hand, I picked up for you a most interesting and curious piece with what appears to me an arabic inscription, which we are sending along to you by the same boat that will convey this letter. I picked up two identical pieces, one is sent to you, while the other I keep for my own collection. I had quite a hard time bargaining for them and even then could not get them as cheaply as I wanted, but, considering they were the first time I had ever seen such a piece, and, I believe to be unpublished or inedited, I was not going to let them pass through my hands- What do you think?

I am sending to Spinks to try and find out what they are, as Valentine's or any other work within my reach at the moment does not mention this piece or anything like it. I am myself most pleased with this find.

A pattern, or perhaps a Tane, made at the Peking mint for Aksu, is also of interest, and is being sent on to you.

Another curious coin, which might turn out to have arabic (?) inscriptions, is also sent on to you. As I do not know this language, it might turn out after all to be only a charm coin, although I doubt it. The piece itself is old, while the hole is a later addition, and I thought you might like to have the first offer of it. Codrington is always writing to me for such coins as have Arabic, persian &c inscriptions, but I naturally prefer that you first see them.

As regards the Yakub Bey pieces for Kuche' (see Valentines Turkestan #20) I have run across some 6 different and distinct varieties of this issue, judging only by comparing one with another, as I am unable to read the inscriptions. I think you told me once that you had also found various dies had been used. If you are specially interested, I could let you know further about mine and even send them on to you for examination, in case you so desired.

I also managed to pick up a curious medal (?) with the dragon and the eagle and the crowned W. which we are sending along to you. By the date on it, I suppose it refers to the Boxer period and perhaps some of your teutonic friends might supply you with further information, as from Chinese sources (naturally!) I was quite unsuccessful.

I managed to put in two days digging in Honan.

-fu at the spot where the first carapace money find was unearthed. I was only successful in finding about a dozen more specimens, nearly all circular, *but no new shapes.* A clay figure of a warrior, unearthed near them, at the same time, with two big circular breastplates in front of his body, has also made me consider the possibility of these being diminutive armour or mail, as was not only found in the Chinese figure in question, but also used by Bactrian and other ancient warriors of the period of the earliest civilization? I have not yet looked well over my notes made on the spot, but as soon as I have some spare time, it will occupy my attention.

I enclose a newspaper cutting anent a "Chinese Rupee", which I think might interest you and please return when finished. This was given to me this time at Shanghai by my friend Mr. G. Ros, Acting Italian Consul General at that place. Mr. Ros is a member of the Yokohama Ko Sen Kai and I have invited him to join the A.N.A. He is specially interested in the more modern coins of China, and, although only a beginner, he has acquired a great deal of information and is very keen on the subject. I have given him your name and address and told him that you were also an oriental numismatic scholar of no mean order and that he could enter into correspondence with ~~him~~ you. Ros knows little or nothing about the mediaeval or ancient coins of China, so that it would be useless to write to him on any other subject excepting the more modern silver & copper issues.

You sent me a little slip of paper enquiring about information concerning the Akimiya Kwan Ei sen we sent you before.

As I thought it might interest you, I have taken the trouble to gather for you as much information as I could lay my hands upon, on various countermarks made by a series of Temples at Suo, for commemorative purposes, and which I am sending to you herewith, hoping that it will satisfy your enquiries.

You will notice that we have subscribed you to the Yok. Ko Sen Kai for one year, in accordance with the Regulations, instead of charging for each issue as it came out. You ought not to make any objection to this, as by this new arrangement it turns out cheaper (I believe it is 5 cents) than by the old method. A letter to this effect is being sent on to you by this same mail.

Since the new tariff came into effect last month, the Custom House has been very exacting on all parcels received from abroad through the post and have been collecting duties on everything, even when it is only a few cents. Please therefore bear this in mind when you are sending anything here and declare all *copper* coins at a nominal and very low value, *as duty is leviable on them*. Silver and gold coins *pay no duty*, so that when you are sending over any lots that contain coins of both these metals, place and declare the silver and gold pieces at a high value, while the copper specimens at only a few cents, separately stating in the declaration sheet, when forwarded by parcels post, the value of the silver, gold pieces, - divided from the copper specimens. Then if the packet gets lost, the loss will not be so great. If copper alone are sent, we run the risk of lost, which does not often happen, but the declared value to be quite nominal.

P.S. 25 Aug - 1911 - As the mail does not leave until the 29th and as I have a few more things to write you about, I have again opened this letter, in order to clear my conscience and finish all I have to say to you while I am about it.

The Osaka Mint have just got out a new medal to commemorate the annexation of Corea and as I thought you might like to see it, I am sending one along, and have priced it in case you wish to retain it or find a purchaser for it. You might perhaps make it serve as a bit of news item.

I picked up the other day in an out of the way second hand shop, the curious production I am now sending on to you with the bust of a guy on one side and the face and hands of a clock on the other. I saw at once that it bore the name of the Mitsui (MITSUI) Bussan Kaisha, a well known commercial firm in this country and on the other "American Waterbury Watch Company" "Sole Agent" - which explained to me at once that it was an advertising token, but wishing for more information on the subject I wrote to the above company asking them for further information. That about Meiji 20th year a consignment of these was sent over from the U. S., where it appears they were made, and given away here as advertisement. I could not make out what the "handle" and holes on the top side were for, as, in the absence of the missing and complementary ring, they puzzled me somewhat until I was informed that it was an old "puzzle" in which you had to get a ring off in order to solve it, and, I immediately remembered having seen a puzzle on this same principle in my younger days, where the ring had a small opening and had to be passed through the various holes before it could be gotten out. The matter called my attention and as I have now found out all that could be ascertained on the subject, I am sending the thing along to you, with my compliments, together with the above information, in case it may also interest you as it did me.

I am also sending you along a copy of the Kokogakai Zasshi the journal of the Tokyo Archeological Society of which I have now been a member for many years, in which you will find a contribution of mine on Ancient Greek Coins, of Aegina. "Among the blind the one eyed man is King" is the only excuse I can give for writing about Greek coins in Japan! The collotype plate was done in Yokohama after the originals in my own collection, which is representative, and that is all that is required of it.

Again, without anything further,

Yours sincerely

H. A. Ramsden

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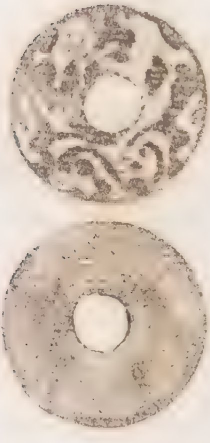

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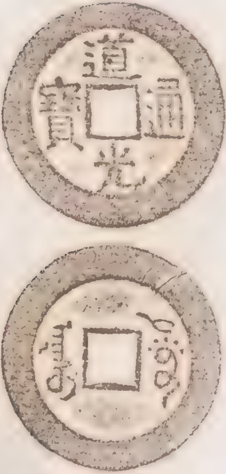

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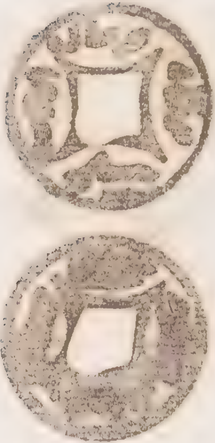

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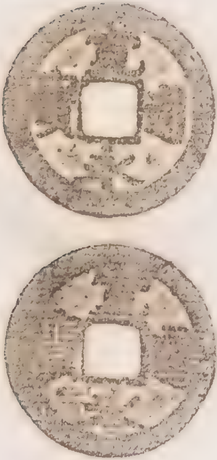

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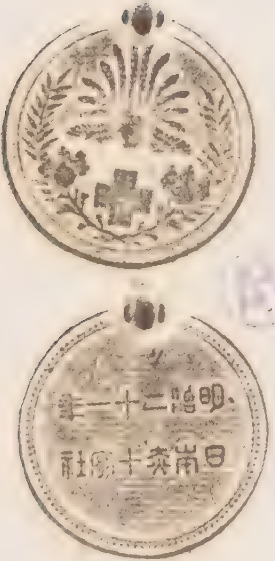
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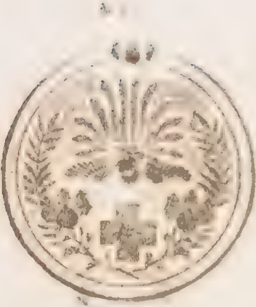

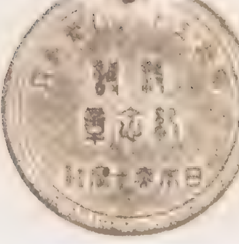

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Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt and thank you for your favour of July 24th, as well as remittance by Money Order for....... $ 47.81, made up by the various entries detailed by you, of which we have taken due note.

These various items appear correct and they will be checked and looked into in due course. We notice that you have paid for our accout advt. in the Numismatist for April-June, for which we thank you.

You have probably made a lapsus on referring to F.T.Kieffer's Invoice of Feb. 14th, when stating that, as you had not heard from him, he presumably kept the whole consignment. In your letter to us of April 19th, you mention that you had received from this party two spear heads Nos. 551K and 617K, at $ 2.50 and 6.00 respectively, but had not received a duplicate of said Invoice. In conformity, in our reply to you of 15th May, we sent you duplicate copy of Invoice, together with the rough drawings, for you to return these to us when done with. These drawings you now return, but as you may still have occasion for them we are again sending them on to you. Kieffer had already written to us that he had sent on to you the above two items from his Invoice of Feb. 14th, so that we think that you will find that we are correct in this respect.

As regards the three volumes of Lockhart, we now see that we forgot to send you an Invoice of this shipment. They were sent off by our Mr. Ramsden a few days before he left for China and in the hurry of preparations for his departure, the invoice and mention of them was entirely overlooked. We now enclose the Invoice and please excuse this forgetfulness on our part. The above will be the explanation that will account for this omission, and not that any of our letters have miscarried, as besides, we think you have acknowledged receipt of all our different communications.

We have to advise sending you a few items which our Mr. Ramsden picked up in China for you this last time, for your kind approval. He has alrady written about them in his personal letter to you which is sent herewith under this same cover. The various items will be found enumerated in enclosed Invoice.

We are also sending you a few Japanese War medals now that we have been able to procure ribbons for them. We now find that we can get these ribbons at Osaka, and inform you of this in case you wish to order these ribbons separately, which we can supply you at 25 cents each. We enclose Invoice for these medals, but do not consider it again necessary to send you translations and descriptions of them, as we already did so on 3rd Feb. of this year, when we sent you the first lot. We are fortunate in being able to offer them to you at the same reduced prices as in our first consignment. We will be on the look out for others, but can never promise when a new lot will turn up.

As requested in one of your private letters to our Mr. Ramsden, we have sent direct to the American Numismatic Society the issue of the Transactions containing Van der Polder's article on Japanese coins. You will see by the enclosed Invoice, copy of which we are sending you, that we have only charged them a small commission for purchase over and above cost price. You will notice at foot of Invoice what we have told them as to settlement, which can be done through you, if they so desire. The bill was sent direct to them, as requested by you.

We are glad that you were pleased with the Ro collection and that you would make the best efforts to carry out the object for which it was sent to your country. After it has been exposed for some time , we would like to know what impression it has caused in American numismatic circles.

Thank you for having given to Mr. Warner the copy of Ramsden's "Chinese Paper Money" which we sent for this purpose. We also appreciate your having taken over the extra copies of this book which we sent you for disposal. Your promise that this monograph will be reviewed both in the Numismatist and the A.J. of Numismatics has also been noted with thanks.

We notice that in the following numbers of the "Numismatist" certain articles have appeared on Japanese coinage. If they are of much interest and importance, could you tell us if these back numbers are procurable?

Vol. VIII, p. 270-273, 1895, "The twelve ancient coins of Japan by J.A.Bradin.
Vol. VIII. p. 16-17, 1895, "~~Japanese Money matters Ph Weinsberger~~.%
Vol. X. p. 39-40, 1897, "Aleter from Japan" by W.C.Sakai.
Vol. XIII p. 157-159, 1900, "Japanese Money matters" Ph. Weinsberger.
% "The Numismatic Treasures of Japan, by W.C.Sakai.

Without anything further for the moment, yours obediently, August 30,1911

Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
Yokohama,Japan,

Gentlemen:-

Your favor of August 8,at hand by this time you have received my lett r of the end of July with remittance.I have been away a large part of this month and have very little to report. I have sent the Ko collection to Chicago to be exhibited at the convention that is being held this week,I am in communication with the Am.Numismatic Society [illegible] in their building this fall. I am also in communication with a Mr.Freer of Detroit to see if he will purchase.he is buying Chinese and Japanese works of art,forming a museum of the same which will later on be given to the nation. He has been sick this summer and has asked me to postpone negotiations untill later on.I do not know if anything will come of it. Reilly has written me about it,and I will later try to make arrangements so that he can see it. I have been under a little expense so far,in expressage and insurance,which I am keeping a record of.Shall I later deduct this?

I am glad that you have put me in as member of the Yokohama Numismatic Society.You can continue sending the extra copy untill you you have sent a complete year. I take it that you will send Robinson and the others their magazines direct,though you can send Robinsons through me if it is any easier.

I have just received to day from the printers the reprints of the modern Chinese Copper coins. The Printing bill was $32.00 which I will pay and will later charge you up one half.I have had to pay out about $1.00 extra.I will send you a statement a little later.

This price includes 500 advance slips like the enclosed.You will note that I have put a price of 50¢ on,and will bill them wholesale at 25¢ in large lots and 30 or 35¢ in smaller quantities. I will forward to you the first of next week 50 copies and a bunch of the advertising slips. Morice has ordered 20 copies which I will get off to him in a few days. I also will hold the reserve stock here against your order also let me know whether I shall bill these or will you.I will bill to Morice and will also look after the American dealers.We may get mixed up on this,if you think so,will bill all the expenses up to you and what money I receive credit you with.

Am axxious to get hold of those war medals in nice condition. and hope that you can sometime pick up the boxer and Formosa medals.

I have been under a large expense this summer and just at present feel rather poor,I have a number of hundred dollars coming to me but cannot count on it until early winter,and until I know more where I am at do not want to pledge myself for too much,therefore I had to pass up those can sen,which I informed you about in my last.

Elmer S.Sears of Swansea Mass is good for any amount that he cares to order. He has money,and has one of the best line of customers in the country,I know him very well.

I will await with interest to hear about the other Carapace pieces that were found as well as some news of your trip. On a separate slip I have put down who have purchased the different pieces.

I will touch up Dr.Wright in a little while about the matter you mention if I do not soon hear from him.

Will also try to get off to you next week the two pieces of bone and the two bellsand will declare on them nominal duty.

I am surprised that Helldorfer seems to be a "piker" as we call such people.I know nothing about him but supposed that he knew what he was about as he had gone to a lot of trouble writing to Corea State Dept,Treasury Dept,Mint,me,and you.

Again the extra copies of the Journal were over looked,and I had to write Belden a short time ago to send to you these.I told him to send you 10 copies. You should get them about the time that you get this letter.

The package with the coins has not yet arrived,will write you again when I get these. I still owe you for Lockhart,but as yet have received no bill. I will also be interested to see the brass coin that you mention

Now that the Summer is about over I hope to soon buckle down to work again. The past few months have been very busy ones for me/ as I have had to work very hard in my regular business,travelling a good deal and whenever I could get a few days to spare have gone off to enjoy myself,so that I have been home very little.

I remain very truly.

Boston, Mass Sept 1, 1911 19

Mr. Rene Morice, 3, Cecil Court, Charing X Rd.

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To Howland Wood, 93 Perry St., *Dr.*

Brookline, Mass.

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Destination New York NY

For the Company D F J 9/13

Yokohama, 14th September, 1911.

B. Max Mehl Esq.,
P.O.Box 976,
Fort Worth, Texas.

Dear Sir:-

On 5th June of this year we sent you a small article on the "Paper Money of China", by our Mr. Ramsden, for insertion in your Numismatic Monthly, but as we have noticed various paragraphs which we would like to have altered, may we request of you to return us the MSS. for this purpose, in case you have not already printed it or set it in type by the time this letter reaches you. We hope you will not overlook this.

We are definitively closing up the accounts in connection with the work "Corean Coin Charms and Amulets", and, as we sent you 20 copies of these to be sold for our account, at $ 1.00 each, less 20 per cent special commission in view of your advertising same, etc., we would like to balance this account with you. For this purpose, may we request of you to send to Mr. Rowland Wood, of Brookline, Mass., the remaining copies you have left unsold, as well as BALANCE of cash for those already sold by you, after deducting said special discount, *if you have not already remitted to us direct here.*

We are also writing to Mr. Wood direct regarding this and you will no doubt hear from him in due course.

Within a few days we will send you a new publication on "Siamese porcelain and other tokens", by our Mr. Ramsden, with 20 full page coloured plates, for you to sell for us on commission as usual.

With repeated respects and hoping to hear from you again soon,
we remain, yours obediently,
Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
per,

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A
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Yokohama, 18th September, 1911.

Howland Wood Esq.,
93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Without any of yours to refer to, we beg to advise having sent you by this same mail, but by parcels post, a case made up for instructive purposes, containing moulds, casts, and original coin of that series of attractive coins of the period of Wang Mang, A.D.9-23, as per enclosed Invoice. The above is sent for sale on commission and if not sold by the time our Mr. Ramsden goes to England next year, then to be sent on to him there, but not to be returned here unless advised to the contrary. The above has been mounted up expressly for exhibitional and educational purposes, suitable for either museum or private collection. If the purchaser desires, further information can be given as to where these came from, a short numismatic history of this period, etc. *In the declaration sheet this has been undervalued (Yen 5.00) in case C.H. Duties are levied.*

We enclose copy of a letter which we are addressing to Mr. Max Mehl, which explains itself. It is now over a year that we have been after Mr. Mehl for remittance of the copies he has already sold for our account, with a negative result; and considered that in the manner now adopted, a quicker settlement could be obtained. He is a good party, but he just does not give the time for attending to this.

The August number of the "Numismatist" has just arrived. We must thank you for your kind review of our two publications, "Chinese Paper Money" and the convention number of the Yok. Ko Sen Kai. By the bye, the publication to this Society has now been enlarged and improved upon and you will notice this in the next number. Our Mr. Ramsden has also received from Mr. Zerbe the Dunham first prize for his article on "Chinese Modern Copper Coins". He will write direct to the different parties thanking them for same.

We are preparing and sorting out for you a good collection of these provincial copper pieces, as requested, and they will soon follow. Our Mr. Ramsden is not writing separately as we have given you above all the news.

Yours obediently,

Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
per,
H.A.R.

Aug 14

Sold Reilly

2 Carapace pcs @ 3.00 6.00

Nos 658 + 661

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Sent forwarder

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The Am. Num. Society
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Emile Hamelin
Sept 19 1911

93 Perry St.,Brookline,Mass
Sept,19,1911

Jun Kobayagawa Co.

Yokohama,Japan,

Gentlemen,-

I am sending you a M.O. for $58.75 as per the statement below.

Check from Am Numismatic Soc. Inv.Aug.21.	1.81		
B.P.Wright,bal. due on stamps.	2.53		
Inv.H.Wood Apr.10,Carapace money. Nos7658 @ 2.75, 661 @ 2.50 less 10%	4.73		
Inv H.Wood Feb.3.(203 medals) 60.00 less 10%	54.00		
Inv.H.Wood Feb 3.War medals @ 15.25 less 10% on 10.00,made my profit on the balance.	14.25		
Invoice H.Wood August 3.	6.85	84.17	

Credits.

Postage on 3 bells returned to J.K.Co Sept 16.			.60		
Advt.in Numismatist July,Aug.Sept.			6.25		
Half expenses to date on Reprints Chinese					
	Printing	52.00			
Copper Coins.	Express	.35			
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	Zerbe	4.50	37.15	18.57	25.42
					$58.75

You will note by the above that I have closed up the invoice on the Carapace medals and that the Am.Num.Society have paid me for both invoices of medals that you sent on Feb.3.

The Ro Collection I sent to Chicago where it was exhibited at the Convention.I did not go to the convention myself so cannot report first hand,but I understand that it was very favorably commented on.Mr.Ben G.Green who hadit in charge said that he received no offers for it.The collection is now being put on exhibition in the rooms of the Am.Numismatic Society in New York where I presumably will let it stay for some time.I have instructed Mr.Selden that it is for sale if anyone cares to pay the price.I am still negotiating with Mr.Freer to buy it for the Government.

Mr.Keiffer has sent me the two pieces in your invoice of August 1. I have not heard anything from Mr.Brand so he has presumably kept all of the pieces you sent him or has communicated direct with you.

The last communication received from you was on August 8. and have been delaying this letter as I was expecting to hear from you anyday.

You will note that I have charged you with half of the expenses on the reprint,though in my last letter I raised the point or not it would make things less complicated if I charged you with the full amount and then turned over all the profits to you.

I have sent you the fifty copies asked for and have sent Morice of London the 20 copies as ordered. I have written to all of the American dealers but have gotten next to no responses. Dealers over here do not take kindly to books.I have put in an advt in the Numismatist that this pamphlet may be obtained from any dealer or from myself,so some responses ought to come in. I will keep hammering away on this. will report sales in detail later.

I think that this brings everything up to date.

I remain very truly.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.

60 STATE STREET.

BOSTON, SEP 19 1911

Sold Mr. A. Lawrence Lowell

Yen 116.92, say, @ 50 1/4 exchange, $58.75

Received from John
Robinson Nov 4
$29.00 to pay
Jun Kobayashi's
invoice Sept 25
[illegible]

July 25 1905

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Memo for Wood

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P. O. BOX 214 YOKOHAMA JAPAN.

Chas. A. Baldwin Esq. c/o Hobart Estate Co.
Merchants Exchange Bldg. San Francisco Cal
Sent 25 Sept/11

Book A. Kunisada, 31 - Kunifusa, 8 -
Kuniyoshi, 36, Hoki, 2 - Hoku, 2 - Yoshitoshi, 1 -
Yoshikadzu, 12 - Yoshimori, 6 - Yoshifuji, 3 - Hoko, 12 -
Sadahide, 6 - Shigeyoshi, 3 - Hiroshige, 3 -
Shunsen, 1 - and Toyokuni 28 - Total 154

Book B. Kunisada, 10, - Kuniyoshi, 5 -
Kunifusa, 3 - Hoko, 6 - Hoki, 3, - Yoshitoshi, 3 -
Fusatane, 5 - Sadahide 4 and Toyo-
kuni 111 - Total 150

Book C. Kunisada, 18 - Kuniyoshi, 17 -
Hoki 3, and Toyokuni 50 — Total 88

Grand Total 392

@ for the three books $ 30.00

Remittance to be sent, or goods to be returned to
Howland Wood Esq
93 Perry St Brookline Mass
as desired.

Chas. A. B.

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Note: These papers need not be returned as they are triplicate copies.

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As I do not know if Nishikiyes pay any Custom House Duty on entering the United States, they have been declared, in the sheet accompanying the parcels post, as " 3 books of Nishikiyes or old Japanese colour prints from woodblocks" and their values, in consequence at the purely nominal sum od...... ....Yen 10.00 or $ 5.00 U.S.Cy.

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Charles A. Baldwin Esq.,
c/o Hobart Estate Coy.,
Merchants Exchange Building,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Baldwin:-

I wrote to you from Peking on 5th July last, asking for fresh instructions regarding the two stands of carved wood which you entrusted me to get for you. I hope you received in due course the above letter.

My brother in law has just returned from the interior, where, together with a large lot of coins he bought, was included three books containing some 392 Nishikiyes, of various artists, as per enclosed memo. I thought that perhaps Mrs. Baldwin might like to have a look at them and we are sending them on to the above address for such a purpose The price asked is purely nominalas we got it under the circumstances above related and can offer it at such reduced price as this is not in our regular line of business. Mrs. Baldwin will know what their price is and she will also be able to appreciate certain productions among them, sush as those by Kunisada, Kuniyoshi, Hiroshige, Shunsen and Toyokuni.

We have fixed the price at $ 30.00, U.S.Cy, which makes each nishikiye at the almost ridiculous sum of 15 cents each. If Mrs. Baldwin wishes to retain them, then, for convenience sake, this amount can be sent to Mr. Howland Wood, 93 Perry Street, Brookline, Mass., or, if she does not wish to keep them, then they can as well be sent to the same party, to whom I am writing today on this matter and from whom you will in due course no doubt hear direct.

It was very warm in China this last time and I had to return quicker than I anticipated. I manged, nevertheless, to do something in the coin line.

I hope you and Mrs. Baldwin reached home all well and are now enjoying good health. With my kindest regards to Mrs. Baldwin,

Believe me, yours very truly,

John Robinson [illegible]
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a John [illegible]
[illegible] Oct 7 1911

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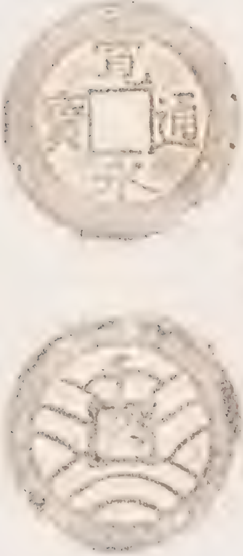

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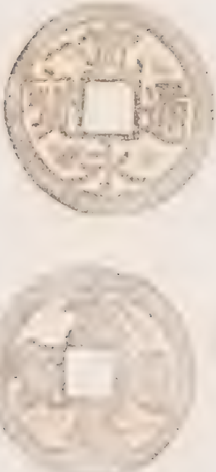

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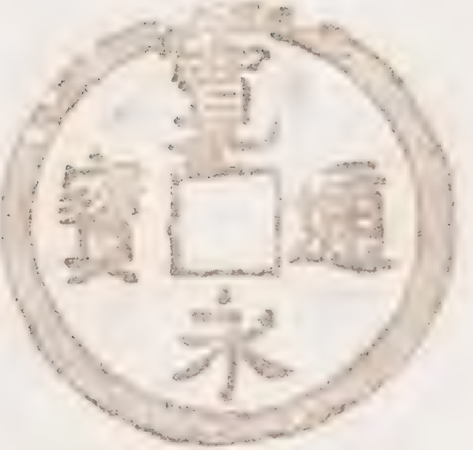

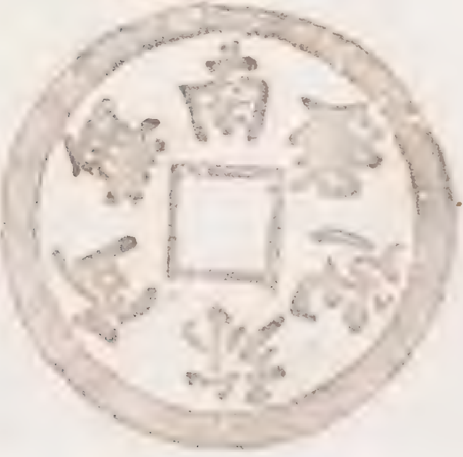

Yokohama, 10th October, 1911.

My dear Wood:-

Although my firm's letter covers most of the items in connection with your letter to them of 30th Aug, I might here enlarge on some of the answers.

I expect any moment to receive news from you and I am anxious to know what kind of an impression was caused by the Ro collection exhibited at the A. N. A convention at Chicago. Your other arrangements regarding display at the A.N.S building in New York this fall, will no doubt bear fruit in good time. I have never met Mr Freer, although I have heard a great deal about him. He has been to this country and China and has bought extensively for his proposed Museum, on various occasions. He pays good prices and I think it would be certainly worth while to continue negotiations with him later on.

The business part of the reprints of "Modern Chinese Copper Coins" is fully dealt with in my firm's letter. I have looked over the copies received and have noticed an errata, which was also in the original, as was printed in the "Numismatist". Tai Ching Ti Kuo Series - (I) Hu Peh Province, the line after coin No 2, commencing with "This coin together with ...." was here inserted by mistake. It is a repetition of the remarks to the previous coin of (H) Honan -, but it can easily be seen that it does not make sense, there only being this first line to the sentence. Otherwise, I find no mistakes whatever, considering this reprint very neatly got out.

I have not yet received the ten extra copies of the A.J. of Numismatics, in which the "carapace" article was printed, but no doubt will arrive in due course, although it is now long over a fortnight since

since your letter advising that they were sent, was received by me.

I am sending you an application form for membership to the A.N.A of Mr J. N. Rojas, of Chile. This gentleman has paid me $ 1.50 for the "Numismatist" for the entire current year, commencing from January - and $ 2.00 for his subscription to the A.N.A, for next year - 1912. I suppose and hope that all this is correct and may I request of you to also affix your name to this application form and forward, with the amount of $ 3.50, to the proper authorities and charge me with this amount when you are next remitting to us.

The large Kwan Ei "Namu ami da Butsu" we are sending is a beautiful piece - colour, characters, metal and make are perfect. Please compare this with the large Kwan Ei medal you bought over there and tell me the result.

All the genuine large Yessen of this country always command a good price. You will find this piece illustrated in Majimas, also Munros (Plate 4 - # 5 - Yessen) and Chaudoirs. The other two require no special attention, although the half finished cast is interesting.

My business letter is pretty long and deals with most points which I have to communicate to you.

I am now very busy, not only preparing for the winter Season, but also hard at work on two or three numismatic monographs which I have to get out before the end of the year.

The mail does not leave until tomorrow and in case I have anything farther to commmnicate, I will add it on to this letter, at the last moment.

Sincly yours

H. A. Ramsden

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Yokohama, 10th October, 1911.

Lowland Wood Esq.,
93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt and thank you for your favour of 30th Aug., contents of which have been noted.

We take note what you inform us regarding the dispositions you have made for exhibiting and showing the Ro collection, which we consider perfectly satisfactory and for which we beg to thank you. As regards the expenses you have incurred in this connection, such as express charges, insurance, etc, we thought that they might be entered with the *special* account in case there is any probability of its being sold in the near future, and if this would happen soon, they might wait until then. On the other hand, it might be some time before you even saw a probability of its being sold, in which case, then, by all means, charge up to us in our general account and deduct when next remitting. As you are on the spot, you will know yourself which best to decide.

We are taking up your offer, so kindly advanced by you in your letter, of permitting us to include in the same cover as yours, the copies of the Yokohama Ko sen kai monthly publications for Messrs. Robinson and Reilly . By this same mail, we are sending you your two copies, besides the ones for the above parties and again will thank you if you could make them reach their destination.

The 5 0 copies of "Chinese modern Copper Coins" reached here safely together with 100 advanced slips. We thank you for the tasty and attractive way you have got them up. Mr. Ramsden writes further about this in his personal letter, which we are sending under this same cover.

As regards this account, since they were printed and are now in your country, we would suggest that the account of this venture should be kept entirely over there. We will make the necessary propaganda from here and solicit orders direct, but, when we receive such orders, we would pass them on to you, for you to execute them and collect, as we would in this case avoid extra postage. As this undertaking is to be mutually conducted by both of us, profits, etc equally divided, it would perhaps be most convenient if you alone managed the entire affair over there, with our indirect mediation, etc.

We will canvass for orders on the basis of 25 per cent discount for the trade, which is our regular deduction on such cases. This we let you know beforehand for your guidance.

Ofcourse all expenses borne by you in this connection will have to be entered in this account. If you require us to pay half the initial costs, then all you have to do is to deduct this amount when next remitting to us; and we say half, as the profits are to be equally shared by us.

Please tell us how many copies were printed, or better still, if you could send us a rough pro-forma account, it would still suit us better. Ofcourse the 5 0 copies sent to us will be entered as against us. We will keep a separate account of these, as they are to be sold locally. As regards foreign orders and requirements, all the orders will pass through your hands. The American dealers, ofcourse, are entirely under your charge. The European and foreign sales, can be conducted by us solely, if you so wish, but this would not impede your executing any orders sent direct to you. Should the stock be over here, we would propose other arrangements, but as the case stands, we consider the above plans the most suitable under the circumstances and hope that you are also of the same opinion.

So far we have not run across any new war medals. They are indeed hard to procure, but in case we get any new ones we will certainly forward them on to you.

Elmer S. Sears wrote to us requesting on approval a Japanese gold Oban. We do not send these gold coins on approval, as there is not much gain or profit on them, but as he wrote to us mentioning that he knew you well, and as you also wrote to us about him, we have broken our custom in order to show him every consideration and attention.

Thank you for the promise to look up the Dr. Wright matter. We have heard nothing from him since.

We thank you for the promise of the extra copies of the Journal containing our Mr. Ramsden's article on the "Carapace" money. They will no doubt arrive in due course.

We are sending you along by this same mail three coins as per enclosed Invoice. They have already been mentioned by our Mr. Ramsden in his personal letter to you.

We enclose copy of correspondence to Mr. Charles Baldwin, which speaks for itself. We have taken the liberty, as you will perceive, of mentioning you in this connection, which we hope you will have no objection to our action.

This Mr. Baldwin was here last Spring. He does not reside at San Francisco, but this is the address he gave us. We believe he lives in Colorado, probably Denver, as Mrs. Baldwin is delicate about the chest. He appeared to be well to do and informed us that he knew personally and was a friend of Mr. Huntington Wilson, of New York. We will leave the matter entirely in your hands, with the suggestion that, should you not hear from him within a reasonable time, that you drop him a line as reminder. It is not required for you to return to us the copy of the correspondence which we are now sending, as we have already other copies for our archives and correspondence file.

We thank you for the list of persons to whom you had supplied with specimens of "carapace" money. As we told you, we have a few others, but no new shapes. Should you wish one or two specimens more, we could still supply you with them, but not many, as our stock is very limited and we doubt if we could procure any more in future.

We are sending a few coins to Mr. Robinson for his collection. Some are not even in the Ko collection and it might be convenient if you were to see them, if only for purposes of study.

Did you offer any of the carapace money to Mr. Vreeland, as we do not see his name down in the list mentioned by you ?.

Your collection of modern Chinese Copper Provincial coins is now about ready, but we are afraid we can not get it off by this steamer. We have added to it quite a number of pieces not even mentioned in "Modern Chinese Copper Coins" by our Mr. Ramsden. We thought you would like some of these recent additions.

What with this letter and the personal one from our Mr. Ramsden, we think we have about exhausted all we have to say to you.

Do you see Mr. Reilly now that he has moved to New York? We have not heard from him now for over six months, or perhaps more. We are in hopes that summer is about over, that we will hear from him again. We have of late been forwarding him some of the rarer issues of the ancient Chinese coins.

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Yokohama, 21st October, 1911.

Howland Wood Esq.,
93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Sir,

We have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of Sept. 19th, contents of which have been noted with attention and thanks.

We extracted draft, in settlement of the account showing a balance in our favour of ....$ 58.75, which appears correct. We note that you have deducted for advt. in the "Numismatist" paid by you for our account, as well as half expenses on the reprint of "Modern Chinese Copper Coins", for all of which we thank you.

We also thank you most sincerely for having received the various sums sent in to you for our account, a courtesy which we have always present and for which we are indebted to you.

The three bronze bells and the two pieces of primitive writing on bone, duly arrived. The broken handle of one of the bells was also received and which we have now been able to repair. Again many thanks for the trouble you have taken in connection with this matter.

We note what you say about the Ro collection and that Mr. E.G. Green had informed you that he had received no offers for it. We are not astonished that nothing much was done to push this collection and we were prepared to receive no good news, since we knew that you were not going to be present at the Chicago Convention. We nevertheless expected a more extended mention of the exhibit than what was printed in the September number of the "Numismatist." Although it was recognised that the exhibit was assembled in a neat and satisfactory manner and that it was one of the most extensive shown, if they had taken the trouble to refer to the descriptive catalogue which accompanied the collection, they would not have had occasion to, in the concluding paragraph, as to the "lack of knowledge". We are inclined to believe that perhaps an extended mention of this collection was purposely withdrawn, as this priviledge might be more convenient to be left to the party who ultimately purchased the collection, in which case it would be written up and described under his own name, as happened in the case of the War and other medals acquired by the American Numismatic Society. Anyhow, tha matter has been left entirely in your hands, and in very good hands it is, and no doubt you have done what you consider best under the circumstances.

For various reasons we think that Mr. Freer is the most likely party to ultimately acquire this unique collection. He is not only a man of means, but he has nothing in this line for his intended Museum, and he knows himself sufficient about Chinese archeological bronzes to be able to appreciate these coins. We do not know Mr. Freer personally, although we know a great deal about him. Our Mr. Ramsden approached Mr. Nomura, of Samurai Shokai, one of the largest Curio dealers in Yokohama, who is a friend of Mr. Freer. Mr. Nomura was astonished at the lowness of the price, which was absolutely nothing to Mr. Freer, who frequently gave two or three times as much for a single object, but we think he understood the case when Mr. Ramsden informed him that we were letting it go at a slight increase of purchase cost price, as we did not wish to make profit on this lot, prefering to get a new customer interested in the Numismatics of the Far East. As Mr. Nomura is also a personal friend of our Mr. Ramsden, he volunteered to write to Mr. Freer about it, and we let you know about this in case you consider it opportune to write to Mr. Freer and bring in the name of Mr. Nomura. We understand that Mr. Freer is paralised and not in very good health, otherwise he would again be coming to the Far East in further quest of specimens for his projected Museum. We believe Mr. Freer is a wealthy man. You will see, therefore, that we are doing everything here that lies within our power to reach our object, but the negociations must be done with certain diplomacy and can not be hurried.

We can not undesrtand why Mr. Keiffer sent you the two pieces of our Invioice of August 1st. Just to avoid what has now happened, we first sent him "uchigatas" of these two pieces, with prices, and he informed us that we could send them on to him, which we accordingly did and now we are somewhat surprised that he returned to you the two pieces he ordered from us. Do you ever meet this gentlemen personally and can you give us any information so as to serve us for our future guidance, as we wish to avoid cases like the present to happen too often ?.

On the 10th inst, we sent you copy of correspondence regarding certain nishikiyes we sent to Mr. C.A. Baldwin, of Colorado and California. We received a letter from him yesterday informing us that he would again be in Japan in November of this year. Please, therefore, leave this matter in abeyance for the present and do nothing further with it until we can again communicate with you.

The ten copies of the "American Journal of Numismatics," which contained the article of our Mr. Ramsden on the "Carapace" Money, and which you mention as having sent sometime ago, has not yet reached here. Would it be asking you too much if you made enquiries when they were sent? The regular number following of this journal reached here yesterday, but we can not account why the former ten numbers have not yet reached here.

In the September number of the "Numismatist," page 333, we notice a paragraph mentioning that Dr. William Sturgis Bigelow, of incuse gold coins fame, had presented his celebrated collection of twenty five thousand pieces of Chinese and Japanese coins to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Our Mr. Ramsden would be pleased if you could tell him to what does this refer, as it is the first news we have of such a big and celebrated collection being in existence in America. Are all or even most of the twenty five thousand pieces different varieties ?.

We agree with an editorial of the "Numismatist" that there appear to have been but very few true "numismatists" at the Chicago Convention in August last. Over here, at least, we appear to have heard more of the American Philatelic SocietY's convention, held a few days before that of the A.N.A., and the stamp exhibits were telegraphed quite fully and Catalogues and other advertising proseliting matter seems to have been better carried out than what was in our case. From what I can see of it, it does not appear to have been a great success, but as I have heard no other news than what the "Numismatist" brought, I may not be in a position to judge. The medals and clasps of friends Arnold and Chapman was the most interesting, if infantile, business adopted at the meetings.

We will leave this letter open until the 23rd, as the next mail does not leave until the 24th, in case we have anything to add at the last moment. As our Mr. Ramsden has nothing in particular to say to you, and as he has none of your personal letters unanswered, he does not intend to write you by this opportunity.

As far as we can see, the insurrection in China is not making much headway. Nor is the government doing much to effectively check it. Will it be a second Tai Ping, with the accompanying Wards, Burgevine and General Gordon ?.

We forgot to mention that we sent you by last mail, the collection of Chinese coins as per enclosed Invoice, comprising the modern provincial issues as requested by you. They are all in separate envelopes, numbered according to Ramsden's, although you will notice that there are quite a few which are not mentioned in this work, being recent acquisitions. This is so far the most representative collection of this sort which we have been able to gather and those which we have supplied to various other parties, including to Mr. Reilly, are not so advanced or representative as the one we have sent you. In this connection it will be interesting to remark that, during the present trouble at Wuchang and Hankow, a pronounced financial crisis has extended all over China and paper money is not accepted anywhere and many are the banks that have failed, as the foreign institutions have not on this occasion come to their aid. In view of this, the Peking government, as reported by the cable news of today, has issued out to the Central bank about $ 3.000.000,00 in the new currency, which means that they have had to put in circulation before its time the new money. We are writing to our different agents in China to keep us "au courant" of of what takes place.

We enclose three sheets of paper with a rough list of the coins comprising the above collection sent to you, merely for reference, as you will no doubt be able to recognise them fast enough, without our aid

Without anything further for today, we remain,

yours obediently,

Jun Kobayagawa Co.,
per,

November 8,1911

Jun Kobayagawa Co,

Yokohama,Japan

Gentlemen;-

Several of your favors at hand but pressure of business has prevented my attending to the same at the time. Mr.Robinson has sent me several remittances and with what I owe you I find that there is over a hundred dollars coming to you.I am herewith sending you a check for everything up to date amounting to $115.65 as per the following.-

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" " " Aug.20 (2 subscriptions)			4.00	
" " " Aug.25			10.75	
" " Aug 25			7.50	
" " " Oct.10			7.25	
			125.40	
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You will note by the above that Mehl has sent me his remainders of the Paper Money pamphlet as well as The Corean Charms. I have received from him 17 Corean Charm pamphlets and 8 Paper Money .A few of these I may sell and will account for these later.

Mr Langdon Warner of the Museum of Fine Arts wants you to send him bronze copies of the four mint medals. Silver wedding, Crown prince, Russo-Japanese, Corean annexation. These you can send through me with the bill if you wish.

I went to Salem a couple of weeks ago and straightened out John Robinson, He has just written you a long letter, clearing up everything (I think) that there was a misunderstanding about. Also he has sent you on some of his doubtful specimens to determine on. He has been busy all Summer with other matters, and as he is one of those kinds that can attend to only one thing at once he has neglected his coins.

I received awhile ago 4 copies each of Nos 11, 12, 13 of the Ho Sen Kai, and the other day four copies of No. 15. I have not received as yet no 14. Did you forget to send this. You sent one to Robinson with some back numbers. Would very much like to get No 14.

I received awhile ago from F. T. Reiffer the two charms on your invoice of August 1.

As I have never heard from Brand in re invoice of Aug 8 I take it that he has delt with you direct.

Referring to your letter of Aug. 25 I got a little mixed in that Invoice of Reiffers of Feb. 14. It is all straight now and I am returning the drawings as you requested.

As I stated in my last letter to you the Ro collection is on exhibition in the A.N.S. rooms in New York. Belden writes me that it is attracting a lot of attention, but as the liberal rich are still out of town no offers to buy it have been received as yet. I am hoping to run on to New York in a few weeks and will then tell you more. The Mr. Freer who I wrote you about has been ill all summer and fall and I have been unable to do anything with him as yet, but still hope.

I think that this answers everything in your letter of Aug 25.

I have received the communication from the Yokohama Numismatic Society informing me that I have been elected to membership in that society for which I owe your Mr.Ramsden many thanks. Their communication to the Boston Numismatic Society has been received.

Your favor of Sept 10 at hand, the moulds casts etc of the Wang are received at hand and they make a very attractive exhibit. I would buy them myself if I thought that I could afford it. I showed them to Mr.Robinson hoping he would buy them, and although he was much attracted he did not feel he could afford them. They are now on exhibition at the Peabody Museum Salem on the hopes that someone will buy they for the Museum. The New York Society have written me that they would like to see them, so possibly I can sell them there. I will send them on later so they can be exhibited with the Ro collection.

Your favor of Oct.10 at hand. The expenses incurred in re the Ro collection I will let go till later until I can tell whether I will sell it or not. It is a small matter anyway and would only charge it to you in case I did not sell it.

I note what you say in re the handling of the Modern Chinese coins pamphlet. I have already charged you with half of the expenses and am keeping a separate account of this matter. There were 200 copies printed. Although I have written to every dealer not a one took hold, a few ordered one or two copies. My advt in the N. sold only 3 copies, in all I do not believe I have sold over a dozen copies in this country. I realized that I would not sell many but I never thought that I would get the frost that I did. Collectors over here are luke warm on anything but U.S. and as far as books are concerned will not buy. You may be able to do better with Europe and through your own advertising, and I can deliver them against your order.

As yet I have heard nothing from Morice of London, though I sent him on Sept 1, 20 copies. Has he remitted to you, or is he a man that takes his time.

I have just written Belden again to see if he has sent you the extra copies of the Journal. I do not see why you have not received them.

If I do not hear from Mr. Baldwin soon I will drop him a line.

I do not think that I could use any more of those Carapace pieces right away, I think that Reilly might take some other than the round ones. I do not think that I offered any of these to Vreeland, therefore you had better offer him some. When I was in Salem I saw the various pieces that you had sent Robinson, they certainly are fine [illegible]. The two last pieces sent however I have not seen.

I am glad to know that you have got in shape that collection of modern Chinese copper coins and am glad that you have brought them up to date. I will await with interest their arrival.

I do not remember whether I mentioned it in my last, but Mr Reilly was on here a short time ago on his way back from Maine, he now expects to be in New York for the next two winters. Although he will be busy, he will be in touch with coin affairs more than he was in Salem so I should not wonder but that you will hear more from him.

I will hold this letter open for a couple of days as I have not drawn the money as yet. Possibly there will be something more to say though I cannot think of anything now.

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Yokohama, 20th November, 1911.

Howland Wood Esq.,
93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Although we have none of yours to refer to directly, there are a few matters dealt with in your personal letter of Sept. 27 and P.D. of Oct 12th, which we might attend to here.

Mr. Ramsden will answer you separately as well, but we doubt if he will have any time to do so by this mail.

The book kindly ordered by you on Military Tactics showing medals and insignia in colours in the front part of it, as we sent you before, will have our attention and will be forwarded as soon as we procure a copy of same.

We are pleased that you were glad to get the war medals sent you some time back. We have now procured another one and will send on by next mail, if possible. These are not always to be got with the swivel and bar, and you did well , in our opinion, not to mention that these wre missing. The Boxer and Formosa are more difficult to get, but we are always on the look out for them for you.

We are not surprised that you are not selling as quickly as one would wish the pamphlets on the "Modern Chinese Copper Coins". We have never considered your country as a market for literary productions in the numismatic line. As Frey said, although we see that many do not appreciate it, "there are very few numismatists" in your country.
Will you please send 10 (ten) copies of these to:-
Monsieur Paul Geuthner,
68, Rue Mazarine,
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The bill we are sending direct from here, retail price less 25 per cent trade discount, so that it will only be necessary for you to place these ten as having been supplied to us. This will probably be the easiest arrangement for all such cases. In time, say at the end of each year, when we can send to each other statements of sales

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Please let us know to whom you disposed the copies of "Chinese Paper Money" which we sent you for sale for our account, as, knowing the purchasers, we would not try to sell them a second copy.

We have taken the liberty of sending you by this same mail, eight copies of our latest publication on "Siamese Porcelain and other Tokens", for sale for our account, if you will be so kind as to do so, and we enclose pro-forma Invoice for them, under usual discount for your trouble. Please also let us know the parties who purchase these, so that we would not send them advertisements a second time. If you think they would have some sale in your country, perhaps a short advertisement, same as you did for "Modern Chinese Copper Coins", in the NUMISMATIST,might be a good thing, of course for our account. We will leave this at your entire discretion.

B. Max Mehl informs us that he has sent you the remaining copies of our "Corean Coin-charms and Amulets", which he did not sell, as well as the balance of those he was able to dispose of, but he does not give us any further particulars as to how many he returned or the amount he duly forwarded to you. We suppose in good time we will be able to hear from you and learn these particulars and if you have not already forwarded them, please let us know what they are.

From Mr. Chas. Baldwin, about the nishikiyes which we wrote to you about, this gentleman duly reached this country and has now settled for this account, so that we will not have to trouble you any further.

The other items in your letter will be attended to by our Mr. Ramsden in his personal letter,which he will write soon.

Without anything further, we remain,

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Yokohama, 27th November, 1911.

Howland Wood Esq.,
93 Perry Street,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

We have none of yours to refer to and only write to you a few lines today to advise you that we are forwarding the books as mentioned in enclosed Invoice. One of them you ordered from us and we thought you might also like the other one as referring to the same subject.

Our Mr. Ramsden has not yet had time to write to you, the fact is that he strained his ankle badly while practising jiu-jitsu and has been laid up for a few days.

Our agents are now returning from China, as it is becoming dangerous to be in the interior, outside of the treaty ports. Our man from Hankow-Wuchang brought us yesterday the first example we have seen of what we think is the first issue of silver for general circulation all over China, and we are sending you an uchigata of this piece in case you wish to mention something about it in the "Numismatist" and we hope that you will mention as having come from us, as any advertisement of our name is always of help.

Our Mr. Ramsden received yesterday a long letter from Mr. Robinson and we see that you are at the back of it. It will have all our Mr. Ramsden's attention soon, as it merits a great deal of attentive study, most pleasing and instructive.

We will again write to you within a few days.

Yours obediently,

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My dear Wood:-

I am going to make an effort and try to answer tonight your two personal letters of Sept 27 (with P.S of 12 Octr) and 10 Novbr, this last one received yesterday.

My firm's letter of 20th Novbr, together with another to be written in answer to yours of Nov. 8, will cover all the business portion. Whether I will find time to answer the firm's letter tomorrow or not, so as to be in time for this mail (leaving on the 6th inst), I am yet unable to say, but I will certainly have a good try to get it off by then.

I am sorry I can not for the moment enlighten you as to the landscape with hen and chickens on the Osaka Imperial Mint medal issued for Corea. I will try to find out, although perhaps at the mint they will not know themselves. I wonder if it represents the "dawn" of the civilization of Chosen - a tranquil scene indicating "peace & progress". Do not wonder at the artists name being in European characters. If you knew Japan, this question would have been "de trop". The medals are of European origin and the artist, - Japanese or otherwise - belongs to the modern school, i.e. is "with the times" and consequently signs the medal as any other European would.

I will, with pleasure, send you my specimen of the square holed coin with arabic inscription, for examination and comparison with yours. I will also send you another curious piece which forms part of my collection, which inscription may also turn out to be arabic. It has also a square hole and the metal, make and patina certainly indicate its age which is by no means recent.

Without being able to read a word of the inscription, but judging by the piece itself and comparing it with other Chinese coins of similar make and metal, I should put it down to the beginning of the Yuan (元) dynasty - A.D. 1295 - I would certainly appreciate your opinion on this rare and curious coin, which, as far as I can ascertain, is so far inedited. At the same time as above, I will also send you a few other pieces with arabic characters for examination and your opinion. At the time of their sending, a list, with their uchigalas, will be forwarded to you. If I can, I will try to send them off tomorrow, that is, If I can get off a few medals which my firm has procured for you.

I could not at first understand your remark that "all the coins you had sent were returned to you *except* the Japanese pattern - but as *I* had said it was a fake, it did not matter". This remark somewhat surprised me, as all the coins which I had seen as coming from you were returned in due course and I did not remember having returned or passed on any Japanese "pattern fake". As the box with the carapace money and your coins arrived when I was in China, my brother in law opened it and it was he who handed me all your coins on my arrival. I then questioned him about this in order to clear up the matter and he said that to make sure, he would again look into the packet containing the carapace money which he had not yet undone, and, on sorting the packet he found a Japanese coin which he had not seen before and which probably is the piece to which you refer. This then explains the whole matter, but I have again looked over the press copy of my letters to you and can not find where I expressed any opinion on any "fake pattern" which you might have interpreted as having reference to this piece. The coin in question happens to be a pattern - more correctly a "trial" piece, called in Japanese "Shiken sen". In the period of Keio, some pieces were issued as "shiken sen" i.e. "examination pieces" at Senshu city, Setsu province, one of which is like the piece sent by you for examination, but the examples so far known & recognised as genuine are larger in diameter, not so thick and better made than your piece, which I concluded is an imitation, the same opinion being held by two other collectors who have seen your piece, as well as the genuine (supposed) coin. Anyhow, as the piece is a pretty one, well made and not common, I have had it inserted in one of the issues of the Yok. Ko-Sen Kai publications. Now that I have found the coin and have really expressed my opinion on it, it will be returned to you when we are next sending you other things. I am glad that you called my attention to this as I have been able to clear up the matter while the iron was hot. Imagine if you had not said anything and I suddenly came across this piece without knowing where it had come from, and found it among my collection, at some future time!

From Reilly direct I have so far had no letter, but from Mrs. Reilly (his wife) I received a short note advising that they had moved into New York and were very busy and that her husband would write to me soon. I hope therefore to hear from him now at any moment. He has a very good collection of Japanese coins, specially of the "antique sen". He will also soon have a very good collection of Chinese coins, as we have already sent him and still hope to send him some very good specimens, among which, some rarities will be found.

I am inclined to believe that you do not loose much by having Higgins mad with you. He appears to me very inconsistent and fickle in most things and people with these traits never seem to achieve much or turn out successes. I may be, and I hope I am, mistaken, but this is the impression he has given me. My last letters to him have so far remained unanswered, which reminds me of the Spanish quotation "lo cortés no quita á lo valiente", as I have never given him any cause for this extraordinary behaviour. I sometimes think that the A.N.A gains in not having him as president, unless he radically changes his temperament.

The Jakoob Bey pieces in my collection will also be sent to you for examination in due course. There is nothing extraordinary about them, but they all appear to be of different dies.

As regards the Ro collection, I have nothing further to add, than that what will be contained in my prvs letter to you.

Thanks for those issues of the "Numismatist" containing the articles on Japanese coinage. They arrived yesterday and although I have only just glanced over them, they do not, as you correctly say, amount to much. What do I owe you for them?

Now that the troubles in China are complicating matters, I am glad that we sent you off the collection of Chinese provincial Coppers. It will in future be very difficult to again get together as many different pieces as were sent to you. We were just in good time.

Your letter of 10 Nov., as well as any portion of your long business letter which can here be answered, will now be attended to.

The extra copies of the J of A.N. or, to be correct, the A.J of N., which contained my article on the "Carapace money" duly reached here a few days ago. Many thanks for having so persistently attended to this matter and please pardon the inconvenience it may have caused you.

Thanks also for attending to Rojas application to the A.N.A. The new application forms sent will I hope come in useful when occasion arises.

I am glad you liked the Namu Amida butsu – It is certainly a pretty and attractive piece. If you can not decide about your large Kwan Ei, after comparing it with the one sent you, then by all means send it along and I shall be pleased to express an opinion on it.

Thanks for the offer of Kussakas' "Das Japanische Geldwesen" and if you have no need for it, I shall be pleased to have it for my private library, which it now lacks.

I still hope to make the Yoko. Ko Sen Kai books better and better and I appreciate your kind words.

Do not be in a hurry to sell the Wang Mang moulds and casts which my firm sent to you for this purpose. I think Robinson made a big, very big mistake, in not grabbing it up immediately. He will never get another chance like this and I only wish I had a few more like this for sale. He has been enquiring about modern moulds for casting coins and I could not make out at first what he wanted. Once I got to know that what he wanted was the impossible, I then wrote to him a long letter and tried to explain that no moulds for casting mediaeval or modern (comparatively, or at least as long as coins were cast) coins could be procured and less still be transported from one place to another, since, the moulds were of fine sand or unbaked soft clay, inside a wooden frame, which, if lifted up would all crumble to pieces, and get mixed up, as sand usually does, when moved or disarranged. The sand of one mould was used for the next, and so forth, and, of course, if shaken up, would loose all its shape or form. Under the circumstances therefore, it would be impossible to procure for him and much less still send over to America, a mould which had been used for the casting of mediaeval or modern Chinese or Japanese or Corean copper coins! The only moulds that are known to exist are those which have been made of some hard resisting material, such as metal, stone, some cement composition and hard baked clay - but these materials were used only for the early coins of China and not for the mediaeval or more modern issues which used 'tanes or seed sen impressed on soft perishable (as regards maintaining its shape) material, principally sand or soft clay. I have myself gone deeply into this study and have gathered enough material to write a book on the subject, which I hope to do some day, but for the present I can say no more, and advise you, if you are interested, to see the letter I have written to Robinson (I think it was a form's letter) concerning these moulds and then you could both talk it over together.

I have received from this same gentleman a very long and interesting letter regarding his wants and requirements of the ancient Chinese coins. I will answer him within a day or two, and I think that the Ro collection, your good offices and my series of letters and notes have awakened a sort of interest which he did not have before. I am glad about this, as it is much more satisfactory to correspond with and serve any one who takes an appreciable interest in what is been done. I think I now know more or less what he requires. I do not know if he is a person of means, but it would perhaps be better if he made no hard and fast rule as to the limit of his expenditure, as if he was subscribing himself to some periodical concern. Without spending any more money than he would do in the long run, his object can be better achieved if he is guided by opportunities. Where coins are concerned, you can never tell what is going to turn up the next moment and if you let the opportunity pass, it may turn up again the day after, or more probable still, it may never turn up again at all! I know myself from my own experience, and often has it happened that some-one has chosen an article from our shop and is undecided whether to purchase it or not, ultimately leaving it with the remark that if it is still there when they return or even until the next day, they would then acquire it. It would then happen that although this article might have been exposed for years without any one enquiring about it, that the very next moment that the undecided customer leaves, some one else will come in and purchase the very article. The next day or the next month, the first party who was undecided will come in and find that the article had in the mean time been sold!

I remember at Peking once I saw a Yüan fa coin that I desired for my own collection, but my agent, who was with me said that we could leave it until our return on our way back, when we could acquire it cheaper. Like a fool I gave way to him and when we again called at the shop, not an hour afterwards, the piece had in the meantime been sold! Was I not mad and I then resolved, and which resolution I have always carried out, when I want a thing I always buy it at once. If I leave it, it is because I have made up my mind not to have it.

Anyhow, I shall advise him to spend this year the estimate which he also had for next year, for this simple reason:

I picked up this last time in China some very desirable pieces, as I had then the opportunity of doing so, at reasonable prices and which chances may never come again, as I then had news of the intended uprising which has now reached such big proportions. This means to say, that even if peace and amicable relations were established tomorrow, it would take at least a year or two before law and order is restored in the interior. This also means to say that within this period of time no coins will be obtainable and the market price will naturally increase, so that you may count on Chinese coins being unprocurable for the next year or two. In fact, two of my agents have returned to Japan - one from Hankow and the other from Nanking, as they themselves can not do anything since they can not go into the interior, and neither can the Chinese themselves bring anything to the towns, as it is dangerous to travel inland. Some kinds of curios will be obtainable as loot, but not so with coins, which, being so small, are hidden in the person, or being imperishable and placed under ground for safe keeping. It does not require an expert to recognize the value of an embroidered Mandarin robe or a jade ornament or a piece of jewelry, but it requires a numismatist of no mean order to be able to recognize and separate a rare coin from the thousands of trashy pieces which are usually found with it. Even in the loot of the Imperial palaces at Peking during the Boxer troubles, no coins of any kind were procured as loot - on the contrary, the price, - to experts & people with knowledge, - seemed to increase disproportionately, when compared to other curios.

You will notice that I am getting out a new work on

"Chinese Openwork Amulet Coins". - It has taken up a good deal of my time lately, but I think it has been worth it. I will send you a copy as soon as published, which I think will be about the end of the year. I have still got another one on my hands, No 2 of "the Manuals of Far Eastern Numismatics", which I will not be able to get out before the Spring of next year. I will then have to take a rest, almost forcibly, as I am intending going to Europe in the summer to take my son to school there.

I shall certainly make an effort to be in America at the time of the San Francisco Exhibition Panama Canal Celebration) I am also thinking of exhibiting, but it is yet too early to make any definite plans.

I think I have said all I wanted to say between this and my former letter, which I shall try to get off tomorrow, and I am now very sleepy.

Yours sinc.

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Dear Sir:-

We beg to confirm our respects of the 20th ulto., and in the meanwhile we have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of November 8th, which is having our full attention.

We thank you for remittance to cover the sum of........$ 115.65, as balance due to us, after deducting certain items. We have not yet had time to look over in detail these accounts, but they appear in due order at first sight. In case we have any remarks to make, we will do so at some future time, when we have checked these accounts.

We thank you for having paid our advertisemant to the "Numismatist" for the last three months of the year, Oct. Nov and Dec. We do not intend to advertise continually during the coming year of 1912, but will take up space whenever we require it, at the ordinary rates and as occasion arises. May we request of you to notify the Business Manager, therefore, to discontinue our regular standard advertisement for $\frac{1}{4}$ page space in each issue. In case and whenever we require further advertising, we will let him know in due course.

Thank you for having accepted from B. Max Mehl the 17 copies of COREAN COIN-CHARMS & AMULETS, as well as 8 copies of CHINESE PAPER MONEY. The account of the Chinese Paper Money books appears allright, but we do not understand how he returned to you 17 books and sold 9, making a total of 26 books, when we appear to have only sent him 25 copies. Perhaps you made a mistake in the number you received, but although it is in our favour, we advise you of this discrepancy so that you may look into it.

Please retain these books over there, as it is our intention to have in deposit with you a certain number of all our publications, as we may have occasion to dispose of them through you, and you, in your turn, may also have opportunities of disposing of some copies.

We will send [illegible] to Mr. Langdon Warner, at the Museum of Fine-Arts the medals ordered through your kind mediation. These will be sent through you the next time we are sending you anything. Thank you for this commission.

We have received already several letters from Mr. Robinson which we will have great pleasure in answering within a few days. See our Mr. Ramsden's enclosed letter for further details about this subject.

We will send you the next time we are sending you books, three copies of No. 14 of the Yokohama Ko Sen Kai books, two for you and one for Mr. Reilly, as yousay that you have not received these, which is probably due to our not having sent them, as we can find no record of when they were shipped. In fact, we are of opinion that they were never sent, as we find we have six remaining copies of this number in our archives, three of which are no doubt yours. As we make no profit on these, in fact they cost us more money than what is subscribed, only the required number is made, one to each member, so that there are usually no spare back numbers. Please excuse this oversight on our part, which was due to our Mr. Ramsden being away during the month in which they ought to have been sent.

We have not yet heard from Mr. Brand. He wanted a Consular Invoice for these coins, as they were valued at $ 150.00, so therefore we had to wait until he received it before he could definitively decide what he would wish to do. We sent the Invoice on 25th Sept., so that we ought to hear from him soon.

We also sent Mr. Elmer S. Sears a large Oban at about this time, but we have neither yet heard from him, but no doubt will do so in due course of time.

We have already informed you that Mr. Baldwin duly settled for the Nishikiyes which we sent him from here, so the matter is ended.

Before the end of the year we hope to send you a statement detailing the items of the different Invices of things you have for our account over there, in order that it may be checked. We do this in order to get straight at the end of the year, but we do not wish you to return us anything here until we advise you to the contrary.

Thank for your promise to look up how matters were with the Ho collection when you ran up to New York. It is astonishing that there are such few people in your country who can not know a good thing when they see it. We doubt if another opportunity will ever present itself for acquiring such a choice lot, but then every one does not see with the same eyes. We hear that Mr. Freer is a little bit better, but if he is again able to undertake any business, this will be for you to ascertain Anyhow, do not thrust this collection down any body's throat, as we are in no hurry to part with it. Should it not be sold in your country by next summer, then our Mr. Ramsden would see what he could do in Europe where he will visit all the principal Museums and other public Institutions. We thank you for all the trouble you are taking in the matter and note what you have to say regarding minor expenses which has been incurred in this connection, all of which we apppeciate to its full worth.

We thought you would be pleased with the Wang Mang moulds. It is not often that such specimens turn up. Do not take too much trouble in trying to sell it, as our Mr. Ramsden will be able to easily dispose of it when he goes to Europe next summer. If any party bought the Ro collection, he ought also to buy these moulds, to make the collection more interesting.

We have not yet commenced our advertising campaign in Europe and consequently not many orders will be coming for the "Modern Chinese Copper Coins," but they will all come in good time, and we repeat what we have told you before, thet we can never loose on this venture, even if we have to wait some time to see our return. We have written to Morice of London that he is to settle direct with you for the 20 copies of these books which you sent him. He is usually slow at remitting and has to be reminded now and then of pending accounts. We have ourselves already sold about 25 copies locally and given out some 20 copies to be sent to China, about which we will not hear the result for a month or two more. Do not therefore be discouraged at what you consider the frosty manner you have been treated. You must also remember that most of the readers of the "Numismatist" have already got this in serial form and as they are not extraordinarily interested, they would not require a separate pamphlet.

Thanks for the information about the Carapace money. We will drop mR. Vreeland a line about them. We will also try Mr. Keiffer, but we can not exactly make out what this gentleman collects.

Can you give us any information about Mr. Joseph Ford, of Augusta, Montana ?. He owes a balance of a few cents, but we can get no answer from him.

We are sending you by this same opportunity a small package containing the four medals and decorations as per enclosed Invoice. You will notice that we have charged a little more for the Russo-Japan War medal, as we ourselves had to pay more for it. It is nevertheless in such splendid condition, with bar and ribbon, that it is fully worth the extra price. You will notice that we are also sending you two new ones which probably you have never seen so far. It is the first we have ever come across and we doubt if we can procure any more of them, as they are exceedingly hard to come across.

Together with the above packet we are sending you:-
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In wishing you a Prosperous and Happy New Year, we hope we are not asking too much if we solicit the continuance of your kind patronage during the coming season. It will be our earnest desire to endeavour to give you entire satisfaction, so that our efforts to please may result completely successful.

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Your favors of Oct 21,Nov.20 and Nov 27 at hand,I would have attended to these more promptly but my work of late calls me away from home most of the time. I was in New York the other day and saw the Ko collection on exhibition at the Society rooms.I think that I will leave this collection there until sold or they ask to have it removed. It is exciting some interest,but as the bulk of the collectors over here do not warm up to much except U.S. it does not create the furor that it should. I have not been able to sell it as yet, though an offer of a thousand dollars has been made which I refused. Twp people in N.Y. have agreed to contribute something towards buying it if others will come in,so perhaps something may come of this. The Wang Mang coins I have just sent on to N.Y. and I may sell them before the Ko collection. I had no control over the description of the exhibits at Chicago.The lack of description of coins there other than U.S. partly caused Frey to write the editorial that he did in the Numismatist,this editorial as well as others brought down the wrath of the A.N.A. officers on his shoulders and he has had to resign.Mr.Adams will take his place,everything is harmonious,but there will be less foreign stuff in the magazine hereafter as the members seem to want mostly U.S. stuff. I doubt if I can do much of anything with Mr.Freer as he is in very bad health and does not seem to be buying much just at present.Many thanks for your help in this matter.

I know nothing about Mr.Keiffer,presumably he is all right,or I would have heard,by his letters I should judge that he had not over much education,but that is no clue to his character or reliability.

By this time you have received the 10 copies of the Am.Jour. of Numismatics as Belden told me that they had been sent to you. Why he did not send them at the time I do not know.

The Dr.W.S.Bigelow raferred to in the Numismatist had no coins what he presented to the Museum were lacquers,prints,paintings and other works of art. I understand that the Museum here in Boston has one of the best Japanese art collections in the world.

The collection of modern Chinese copper coins came to hand in due season and I have been working on these ever since. I am very glad to have gotten these and trust that you have kept a list of what you have sent me as I would like you to add to them from time to time.You can add to your list of what I have,the following,- Foo Kien 1,(20 Cash) ,Hupeh 3. These I already had.

I am going to try to exhibit these with John Reilly's and my silver pieces,think that they will make a nice showing. I would like to get hold of any of the new Imperial silver and copper coins that you may get hold of,for if this revolution succeeds these may be rare By the way you want to keep your eyes open for any revolutionary issues,other revolution have issued coins.

I am enclosing as per account letter on various moneys that John Robinson has sent me,unfortunately just at present I do not feel that I can remit for the copper coins that you sent me on as I got stung several hundred dollars on a venture I was in on. I will send you this after the first of the year as I will have some money coming in then.

I got held up on my letter to you but will try to finish it to night as I note that a mail leaves to morrow. Yours of Nov. 20 before me. I have sent Paul Geuthner the 10 copies of the Modern Chinese Copper coins. The following so far have bought copies of the Chinese Paper Money, John Robinson, Geo.H.Blake, Jersey City, N.J. These book accounts I will fix up later when I have sold more copies.

The pamphlets of the Siamese Tokens have come to hand, also the one for myself. Many thanks for this. I wish to compliment you on this book, both in the care that you have taken in this and in the illustrations. I have checked up what I have with your list and while I have a lot that you have I also have a lot that you either do not give at all or in only one denomination. I was in hopes to prepare a list of these for you but cannot see where I will get the time right away. I have 65 that you do not have and I think that Robinson has as many more.

A member of the A.N.A. whom I have often corresponded with moved to Japan a while ago, in case you have not his address I am enclosing it. Dr. Frederick J. Hillig S.J. Koishikawa, Myogadani 17 Tokyo. He is a Jesuit teacher and formerly was at St. Johns College, Toledo, Ohio.

The two books on military tactics at hand, many thanks for attending to this commission.

The new Imperial coin you sent rubbing of is very handsome, I trust that you can get one for me, I have sent an account of this together with the rubbing to the Numismatist, mentioning that your firm had forwarded the rubbing.

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2. Nor shall this Company be liable for any default or negligence of any person, corporation or association to whom the said property shall or may be delivered by this Company, for the performance of any act or duty in respect thereto, at any place or point off the established routes or lines run by this Company; and any such person, corporation or association, is not to be regarded, deemed or taken to be the agent of this Company for any such purpose, but, on the contrary, such person, corporation or association shall be deemed and taken to be the agent of the person, corporation or association from whom this Company received the said property. It being understood that this Company relies upon the various Railroad and Steamboat lines of the country for its means of forwarding property delivered to it to be forwarded it is agreed that it shall not be liable for any losses or damages caused by the detention of any train of cars or of any steamboat or other vehicle upon which said property shall be placed for transportation; nor by the neglect or refusal of any Railroad Company, Steamboat or other transportation line to receive and forward the said property. Nor shall this Company be liable for any losses or damages caused by detention of said property due to Customs Regulations.

3. It is further agreed that property covered by this receipt and passing over ocean routes in transit shall be subject to the conditions expressed in the Bills of Lading of Ocean Steamship Companies accepted for the shipment.

4. It is further agreed that this Company is not to be held liable or responsible for any loss of, or damage to, said property or any part thereof, from any cause whatever, unless in every case the said loss or damage be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Company or its servants; **nor in any event shall this Company be held liable or responsible, nor shall any demand be made upon it beyond the sum of Fifty Dollars upon any shipment of 100 lbs. or less, and for not exceeding 50 cents per pound upon any shipment weighing more than 100 lbs., and the liability of the Express Company is limited to the value above stated unless the just and true value is declared at time of shipment, and the declared value in excess of the value above specified is paid for, or agreed to be paid for, under this Company's schedule of charges for excess value.**

5. If the said property is offered for shipment under the special rates named in Sections "D" and "E" of the existing Official Express Classification, **it is agreed that the value of the same does not exceed $10.00 per package,** said rates not applying on packages of greater value.

6. **This Company shall not be held liable for loss of any money, bullion, jewelry and valuable papers when enclosed with other goods and shipped as ordinary merchandise; nor shall it be held liable upon any property or thing unless properly packed and secured for transportation; nor upon any fragile fabrics, or any fabrics consisting of, or contained in, glass.**

7. If any sum of money besides the charges for transportation is to be collected from the consignee on delivery of the said property, and the same is not paid, or if in any case the consignee cannot be found or refuses to receive such property, or for any other reason it cannot be delivered, the shipper agrees that this Company may return said property to him subject to the conditions of this receipt, and that he will pay all charges for transportation, and that the liability of this Company for such property while in its possession for the purpose of making such collection, shall be that of Warehousemen only.

8. In no event shall this Company be liable for any loss, damage or delay, unless the claim therefor shall be presented to it in writing at this office within **ninety days** after date of shipment, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed.

9. It is further agreed that any carrier or party liable on account of loss or damage to any of the said property, shall have the **full benefit of any insurance** that may have been effected upon or on account of said property.

10. And it is also understood that the stipulations contained herein shall extend and inure to the benefit of each and every company or person to whom, through this Company, the said property may be entrusted or delivered for transportation.

11. Deliveries at destination are only to be made within the delivery limits established at such points at the time of shipment and prepayment in such cases shall only cover places within such delivery limits.

12. Prepayment of carrying charges for shipments to Foreign Countries does not include Government, Frontier or Port charges.

The liability of this Company is limited to $50 for any shipment of 100 lbs. or less, or to 50 cents per lb. for any shipment in excess of 100 lbs., unless the just and true value is greater and is so stated in this Receipt and an extra charge is paid or agreed to be paid therefor, based upon such higher value; and such liability ceases on delivery by the Company of property at nearest point to destination it can carry same. Fragile fabrics and fabrics consisting of, or contained in, glass, at owner's risk.

National Express Company

MONEY ORDERS

possess advantages over all other safe methods for remitting money.

1st. **The rates are the lowest.**

2d. **There is no possibility of loss.** Purchaser is given a receipt which will aid in obtaining a **refund** in case order is lost.

3d. There is no delay or **inconvenience in purchasing or cashing same.**

4th. Orders **paid at over 30,000 places** in United States, Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, West Indies, Hawaii and Philippine Islands.

RATES FOR MONEY ORDERS
issued in the United States:

Not Over	Not Over	Not Over
$2.50.. 3 cts.	**$30.00..12 cts.**	**$75.00..25 cts.**
5.00.. 5 cts.	40.00..**15 cts.**	100.00..**30 cts.**
10.00...8 cts.	50.00..**18 cts.**	**Over $100.00**
20.00..10 cts.	60.00..**20 cts.**	at above rates.

DRAFTS ON FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Drafts drawn by this Company, in **Sterling, Francs, Lire, Lei, Marks, Kroner, Rubles, Kronen, Gulden, Finmarks, Turkish Pounds, Local Dollars, Pesos, Rupees, Yen and U. S. Dollars, on all parts of the Commercial World.**

TRANSFERS OF MONEY BY TELEGRAPH

are made by this Company between points in United States and Canada, also **CABLE TRANSFERS to and from all Foreign Countries.**

TRAVELERS CHEQUES

ORIGINATED BY THIS COMPANY IN 1891

A modern, economical, secure and satisfactory form of **carrying funds for foreign or domestic tours. Checks are issued for $10, $20, $50, $100 and $200** with the **foreign money values thereon** and are **cashed by 15,000 Correspondents throughout the world.**

They are **received by many hotels, steamship, railroad and sleeping car companies, merchants, shopkeepers and others** in settlement of accounts, fares, etc.

ORDER AND COMMISSION DEPARTMENT

purchases or obtains for patrons any article, including Household Supplies, at any place where the Company has an Agency, **returning same in the quickest possible time and without extra cost for such special service** performed in the United States and Canada; only the **usual rates for carrying the goods being charged,** and a small fee when it advances the purchase money.

Effects sales, through regular commission houses, of all kinds of Country Produce, Fruit or other shipments consigned to it. **Consignments disposed of to good advantage. Returns prompt and correct.**

And performs with intelligence and discretion any other legitimate service that it can properly undertake.

A supply of Order Blanks furnished on application.

FOREIGN SHIPPING DEPARTMENT

This Company **forwards Express Shipments of Merchandise, Parcels, Baggage, Valuables** and **Securities, and Freight Consignments** in **small or carload lots,** by every class of service, to or from all **Foreign Countries** and the United States and Canada.

With its **Offices in Europe,** and **Shipping and Banking Correspondents at all Principal Cities** and **Ports of the Commercial World,** this Company possesses **facilities and advantages unequalled by any other forwarder,** and which enable it to give the **best** and **quickest Foreign Express and Freight Service.**

OFFICES IN EUROPE:

LONDON,	**6 Haymarket.** **84 Queen Street.**
LIVERPOOL,	**10 James Street.**
GLASGOW,	**30 Gordon Street.**
SOUTHAMPTON,	**25 Oxford Street.**
PARIS,	**11 Rue Scribe.** **54 Rue des Petites Ecuries.**
HAVRE,	**43 Quai d'Orleans.**
BERLIN,	**55 Charlotten Strasse.**
HAMBURG,	**9 Alsterdamm.**
BREMEN,	**7 Bahnhofstrasse.**
ANTWERP,	**7 Quai Van Dyck.**
ROTTERDAM,	**17 Gedempte Glashaven.**
ROME,	**Piazza Venezia.**
NAPLES,	**23-30 Via Vittoria.**
GENOA,	**17 Piazza Nunziata.**

THIS COMPANY IS
GENERAL EUROPEAN AGENT FOR
N. Y. Central & Hudson River R. R. Co.
and
Merchants Despatch.

This Company Collects Drafts, Notes, Bills, Coupons, Dividends and other paper, Records Deeds, Pays Taxes for non-residents, serves legal papers, etc.

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED AT ANY AGENCY

Invoice Aug 17 1910 St Louis S & Co				
Bull 464 @ 130	130	less 10%	117	
Shortheads 1099 1101 @ 70	140	" "	126	243
Invoice Dec 27 1910 (Kieffer) ~~601-605~~				
601-605 (Stone arrow heads)	200	less 10%		180
Invoice April 18 1911 (Wright Raymond)				
1243 Lily Root money 225		" 5% =11		214
1 Corean charm book @ 100		− 10		90
Inv. May 3 J. Robinson. (Paper money)				915
" May 25 " (Books)				350
" June 15 " (Books				1400
				3392
" Sept 18 1911 H.W. Wang mang moneys $50.00 less 10%				45.00
				7892
				129
				77.63

Draw 78.50
60
138.50

Credits,

~~Wang Mang Moneys (Inv H.W. Sept 18, 1911 duties & express charges~~	.80
express on Openwork Charms from N.Y.	45
Parcel post & H&R above item	84
	129

Returned

Inv Feb 6 1912 73 Chinese Openwork amulets	150.00